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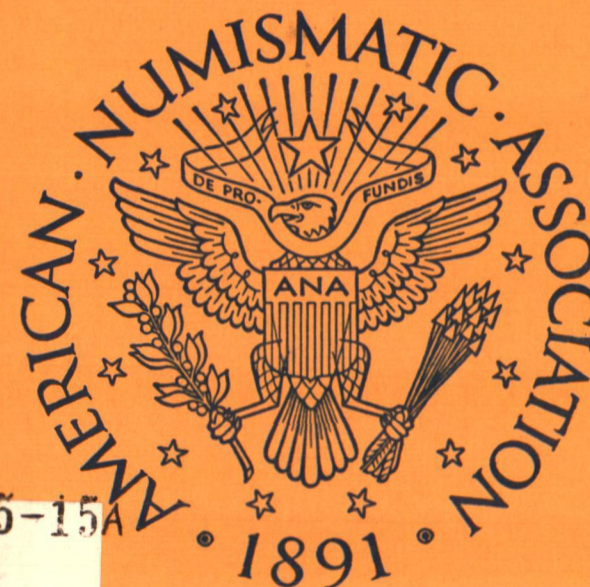
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IT IS a pleasant custom which permits the president of our organization, at this time of the year, the opportunity to extend greetings to all its members.

We have come to regard each New Year's Day as a sort of milestone in our lives. We count our losses and reckon our gains. We dismiss old sorrows and look forward to new joys. Last year's mistakes are forgotten and we look ahead to new achievements.

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1956 CHI-ANA CONVENTION

To more and more members, the annual convention becomes the numismatic highlight of the year. Here are some prefatory observations about the 1956 convention.

Preparations are under way to welcome you and your friends to the 1956 annual A.N.A. convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on opening day — Wednesday, August 22. The Chicago Coin Club — as host — expects and is preparing for a large attendance, but its primary aim is to have the best possible convention rather than the largest in A.N.A. history. You will find the usual features such as EXHIBITS — *you* provide this attraction; DEALERS BOURSE — all tables were reserved before last Thanksgiving Day; EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM — this is becoming a real attraction; AUCTION SALE — by genial Jim Kelly; BUSINESS SESSIONS — we like them short, too; DIVERSIONS FOR THE LADIES — the Chicago Coin Club is *not* a stag club; SIGHTSEEING — for those who can get out a few hours; and as the grand finale, a BANQUET WITH ENTERTAINMENT in the majestic Gold Room. These are the usual features, but we plan some innovations to make them unusual features.

Hotel space that is adequate and suitably located for an A. N. A. convention must be reserved far in advance, especially in a "convention city." After considering and contacting various hotels in Chicago, a tentative reservation was made with the Congress Hotel in January of 1954 for the 1956 convention. Final space requirements were reserved just prior to the 1955 Omaha convention, and detailed planning was begun.

The Congress is not new to many members of the Association, having been the site of the 1929 and 1933 conventions. But they will find today's Congress thoroughly renovated and modernized, with unusually spacious convention facilities. Its location is ideal, on Michigan Ave. across Grant Park from Lake Michigan, at the east terminal of the new Congress St. superhighway, out of the hustle and bustle of the Loop yet only a few minutes walk from the "world's busiest corner," State and Madison Streets. All public space in the Congress is air-conditioned as are many of its 1000 spacious guest rooms.

Watch subsequent issues for further details, but *this* is your invitation and *now* is the time to start planning to attend the CHI-ANA Convention August 22-25. Remember the dates — plan to come early and stay late.

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A panoramic sweep of a colorful series
**COINAGE OF ROMAN EGYPT:
A SURVEY**

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A 1955 Convention Paper

ONE OF the secondary results of the defeat of Anthony and Cleopatra in 30 B.C., and the consequent acquisition of Egypt as an imperial province by Augustus, was the development of a coinage of unparalleled interest. This coinage of Roman Egypt, commonly referred to as the "Alexandrian" series (in reference to the mint city), combined elements of the cultures of the Greek world, Rome, and ancient Egypt.

The coins of the Ptolemies had been quite stereotyped, with only occasional rare issues of real interest, and with almost no reference to the culture or religion of Egypt itself. The Alexandrian series, however, was noteworthy for variety of types and motifs. After some initial experimentation, a billon tetradrachm became the monetary standard under Tiberius, and was continued until Diocletian abolished the Alexandrian series in 296 A.D. A subsidiary bronze coinage of five denominations became standardized under Nero, flourished under Trajan, Hadrian, and Antoninus Pius, but started declining under Marcus Aurelius. Spasmodic issues of two or three denominations occurred thereafter, till the joint reigns of Aurelian and Vabalathus. Each denomination, in either metal, provided a rich gallery of reverse designs.

The present work will not attempt to be definitive nor profound, but will rather present the more colorful and interesting aspects of the coin-

age, with full illustrations, to afford a perspective. It is the author's hope that the nonspecialist will find genuine pleasure in thus "browsing" through the series, and that the student may be afforded a panoramic view which could serve as a point of departure for actual study and research.

For easy identification of the various denominations, the following table may prove helpful:

A. **Tetradrachm**—Struck in billon till the reign of Commodus, and in potin thereafter; usually 23 to 26 mm. in diameter till the reign of Valerian, after which it steadily decreased to as little as 18 or 19 mm. in the reign of Diocletian. (Equated in value with the Roman denarius)

B. **Drachma**—A bronze coin, first struck by Nero; usually ranged from 32 to 36 mm. in diameter till Marcus Aurelius' reign, decreasing irregularly in size thereafter. (Equated in value with the Roman sestertius)

C. **Half-drachma**—The rarest denomination, this coin was first struck by Nero, disappeared in the reign of Marcus Aurelius, and appeared again briefly as a great rarity in the joint reigns of Aurelian & Vabalathus; usually 28 to 30 mm. in diameter.

D. **Diobol**—A bronze coin developed by Augustus, late in his reign; occurred with fair regularity till the reign of Elagabalus; usually 22 to 26 mm.

E. **Obol**—Also developed by Augustus, this small bronze coin was struck irregularly to the reign of Antoninus Pius, after which it disappeared; usually 18 to 20 mm. in diameter.

F. **Dichalkon**—First appearing under Augustus, this tiny bronze piece was never popular nor struck in large

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PLATE I

Top row. Sarapis Pantheistic, drachma, Antoninus Pius; Sarapis-Ammon bust, drachma, Hadrian.

Middle row: Sarapis Pantheistic, tetradrachm, Marcus Aurelius; Sarapis bust, tetradrachm, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Sarapis bust over eagle, drachma, Antoninus Pius; Sarapis bust over ram, drachma, Antoninus Pius.

numbers; very spasmodic issues occurred to the time of Marcus Aurelius; the flans were quite irregular, but the majority averaged 13 to 15 mm. in size.

The obverses of the Alexandrian coins almost always featured the head or bust of the incumbent emperor, a member of his family, a secondary ruler or "caesar," or a favored associate (such as Antinous). A few very rare coins had two busts *vis-a-vis* on the obverse.

The inscriptions were in Greek. In general, the obverse legend contained the name and titles of the individual whose head or bust was shown. These titles were similar to those found in Latin on the regular Roman coinage. The reverse legends were relatively scanty. When found, they usually merely identified the reverse type, or connected it with a specific event. Where a reverse type depicted a member of the imperial household, the legend contained the name and perhaps the titles.

For practical purposes, one may assume that all coins of Roman Egypt were dated. These dates usually, but not always, appeared on the reverses, and represented the year of the emperor's reign, according to Alexandrian chronology. The dates were given in Greek letters, preceded by the figure "L" which is a conventionalized representation of an ancient Egyptian hieroglyph meaning "year."

The following chapters deal exclusively with reverse types. Each chapter will be concerned with a specific group of motifs, such as "The Gods of Egypt," "The Gods of Greece and Rome," etc. A brief description will be given of each god or type, together with photographs of characteristic representations of them, as well as occasional rare or even unique types. All photographs are of coins from the author's collection.

CHAPTER I:

THE GODS OF EGYPT

The dominant triad of Egyptian gods, during the Roman period, was composed of Sarapis, Isis, and Harpokrates. Isis, the great mother

goddess, originated in Egyptian prehistory, and was worshipped continuously for over 4000 years. At one time, the Isis worshippers were gaining converts in the Roman empire at a faster pace than the Christians. Horus, usually identified as the son of Isis, enjoyed much the same popularity. Also venerated by the Egyptians for over 4000 years, Horus had many attributes and characteristics that varied from cult to cult, and period to period. During the Roman period, Horus was worshipped in Alexandria under the Graeco-Egyptian form of Harpokrates.

Sarapis the all powerful male god, was an invention of the early Ptolemies, who tried to combine elements of divinity that would appeal to both their Greek and Egyptian subjects. The venture was quite successful. In Sarapis was found attributes of Osiris (ancient Egyptian god of the dead and of eternal life, and mate of Isis), of Apis (sacred bull, incarnating the spirit of Ptah), and of Horus. The very name "Sarapis" is a compound of the names of these older gods.

Sarapis became so important in the Roman world that he not only appeared frequently on the regular Roman coinage, but even so remote an usurper as Postumus in Gaul used his standing figure as a reverse type on both gold and silver coins. So omnipotent was Sarapis sometimes considered, that on Alexandrian coins he was often represented as having assimilated attributes of other major gods, in a first groping step toward monotheism.

On Plate I will be found Sarapis Pantheistic, as represented on both a tetradrachm of Marcus Aurelius, and a drachma of Antoninus Pius. On the tetradrachm he is shown with attributes of Zeus, Ammon, Nilus, Herakles, and Asklepios. The drachma depicts him with attributes of Ammon, Helios, Poseidon and Asklepios. On the same plate, a tetradrachm shows a conventional bust of Sarapis, while an unpublished drachma shows a bust of Sarapis-Ammon. The latter type is quite rare. Plate I is completed by two drachmas which show the bust



PLATE II

Top row: Sarapis seated and Kerberos, drachma, Severus Alexander;
Sarapis, as fountain god, drachma, Lucius Verus.

Middle row: Sarapis standing and Kerberos, tetradrachm, Hadrian;
Sarapis-Nilus by altar, tetradrachm, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Sarapis head, on serpent, drachma, Antoninus Pius;
Sarapis and Isis busts, tetradrachm, Philip II.



PLATE III

Top row: Isis bust, tetradrachm, Julia Mamaea; Isis-Tyche standing, tetradrachm, Antoninus Pius; Isis nursing, Harpokrates, diobol, Hadrian.

Middle row: Isis seated, half drachma, Hadrian; Isis Pharia by Pharos, drachma, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Isis-Hathor, between Horus-hawk and altar, drachma, Trajan; Isis-Euploia, between Nilus and Euthenia, drachma, Antoninus Pius.

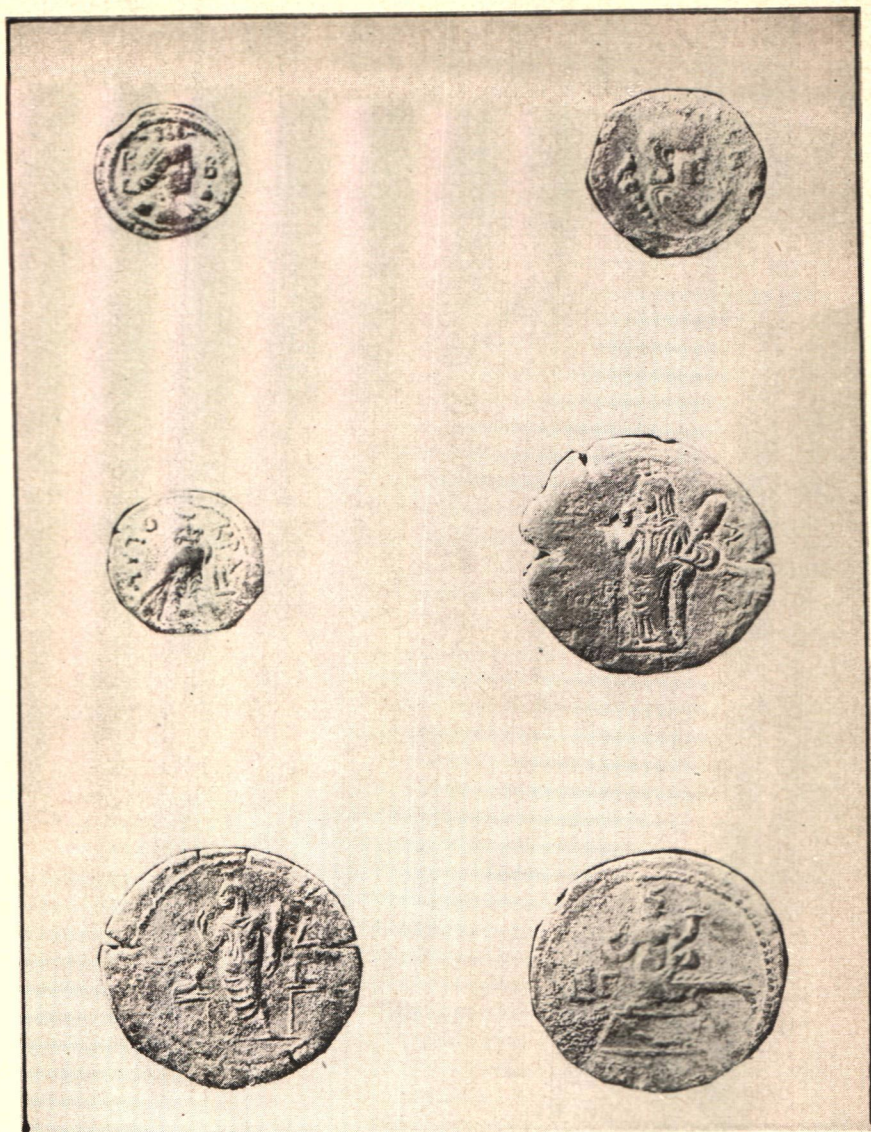


PLATE IV

Top row: Harpokrates bust, obol, Hadrian; Harpokrates of Herakleopolis, diobol, Commodus.

Middle row: Horus as hawk, obol, Nero; Harpokrates standing, drachma, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Harpokrates standing between sphinxes, drachma, Trajan; Harpokrates of Canopus (crocodile body), drachma, Trajan.

of Sarapis above an eagle and above a ram.

On Plate II will be found two unpublished drachmas, one of which represents Sarapis seated with Kerberos (Severus Alexander), and the other depicting Sarapis, as a fountain god, seated by a lebes (Lucius Verus). Two tetradrachms of Hadrian show Sarapis standing accompanied by Kerberos, and Sarapis-Nilus standing by an altar. To complete Plate II, we find the head of Sarapis, with a serpent's body, on a drachma of Pius, and Sarapis and Isis busts jugate, on a tetradrachm of Philip II.

The bust of Isis on a tetradrachm of Julia Mamaea, the standing figure of Isis-Tyche on a tetradrachm of Pius, and Isis nursing Harpokrates, on a diobol of Hadrian, form the top line of Plate III. The latter coin is unpublished. These are followed by Isis seated (half-drachma of Hadrian), and Isis Pharia, patron goddess of sailors and wayfarers, facing the Pharos lighthouse (drachma of Hadrian). The table is completed by two drachmas; on that of Trajan, Isis-Hathor stands between Horus (in hawk form) and an altar; while on that of Pius, Isis-Euploia stands between Nilus and Euthenia, with prows of ships in the background.

Plate IV depicts Harpokrates (or Horus) in a variety of forms. On the top line will be found the bust of Harpokrates on an obol of Hadrian, and the bust of Harpokrates of Herakleopolis on an extremely rare diobol of Commodus. We next see Horus, in hawk form, wearing a crown (obol of Nero), and Harpokrates standing (drachma of Hadrian). Two drachmas of Trajan portray Harpokrates standing between sphinxes on altars (unpublished), and Harpokrates of Canopus, with crocodile body, standing on an altar.

Nilus and Euthenia seem to have been next in importance to the great triad, so far as Alexandria and the coinage are concerned. Nilus was the god of the river Nile, upon which the life of Egypt depended. Although in Pharaonic times, under the name "Hapi," he had been regarded as a

minor divinity, he rose to great prominence at Alexandria during the Roman era. The mint artists seemed to be particularly free in their treatment of this god, and took an apparent delight in developing an almost endless series of types and varieties to represent him. He was frequently assimilated to Osiris, and thus to Sarapis.

Euthenia was a very late addition to the Egyptian pantheon. Originally the personification of "abundance" or "plenty," and represented on the regular coins of Rome as Abundantia, she became the consort of Nilus, during Ptolemaic times, and acquired the status of an important goddess. She was often assimilated to Isis.

Plate V presents some of the more interesting types of Nilus. His bust, with a small genius (probably Ploutos) in front, and a lotus behind, is shown as it occurs on an extremely rare tetradrachm of Domitian. A second bust, with a cornucopia by the shoulder, is from a common tetradrachm of Hadrian. The center row gives two illustrations of Nilus reclining. On a drachma of Antoninus Pius, he holds a cornucopia, from which a genius emerges holding a wreath. A crocodile crawls upward from the exergue. The Greek letters "IS" (which represent the figure 16) above, refer to a 16 cubit Nile level, which would guarantee a year of good crops and prosperity. The other type, from a tetradrachm of Severus Alexander, again represents Nilus reclining, holding a cornucopia. This time, the genius reaches toward Nilus, whose head is turned, while three little genii march playfully up his leg. On the bottom row, a tetradrachm of Hadrian portrays Nilus seated over a crocodile, and a very rare drachma of Antoninus Pius presents a rather ludicrous picture of Nilus riding on a hippopotamus.

On the top row of Plate VI will be seen two representations of Nilus seated by a standing figure of Euthenia. The first is from an unpublished drachma of Antoninus Pius, and the second from an unpublished tetradrachm of Philip I. Below these we find the jugate busts of Nilus

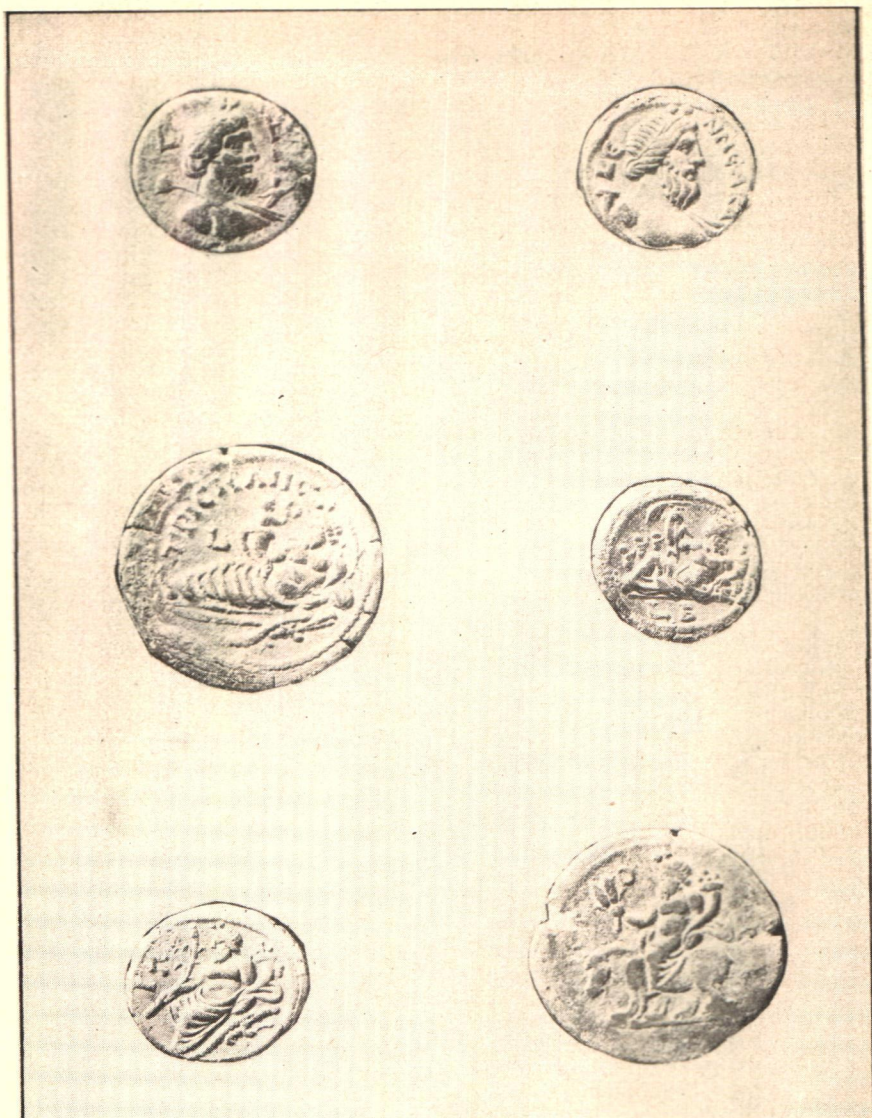


PLATE V

Top row: Nilus bust with Plutos, tetradrachm, Domitian; Nilus bust, tetradrachm, Hadrian.

Middle row: Nilus reclining, with genius, drachma, Antoninus Pius; Nilus reclining, with genii, tetradrachm, Severus Alexander.

Bottom row: Nilus seated, crocodile, tetradrachm, Hadrian; Nilus riding on hippopotamus, drachma, Antoninus Pius.



PLATE VI

Top row: Nilus seated with Euthenia standing, drachma, Antoninus Pius; Nilus seated with Euthenia standing, tetradrachm, Philip I.

Middle row: Nilus and Euthenia busts, tetradrachm, Elagabalus; Euthenia bust, diobol, Agrippina.

Bottom row: Euthenia reclining, half-drachma, Hadrian; Euthenia standing, half-drachma, Faustina Jr.

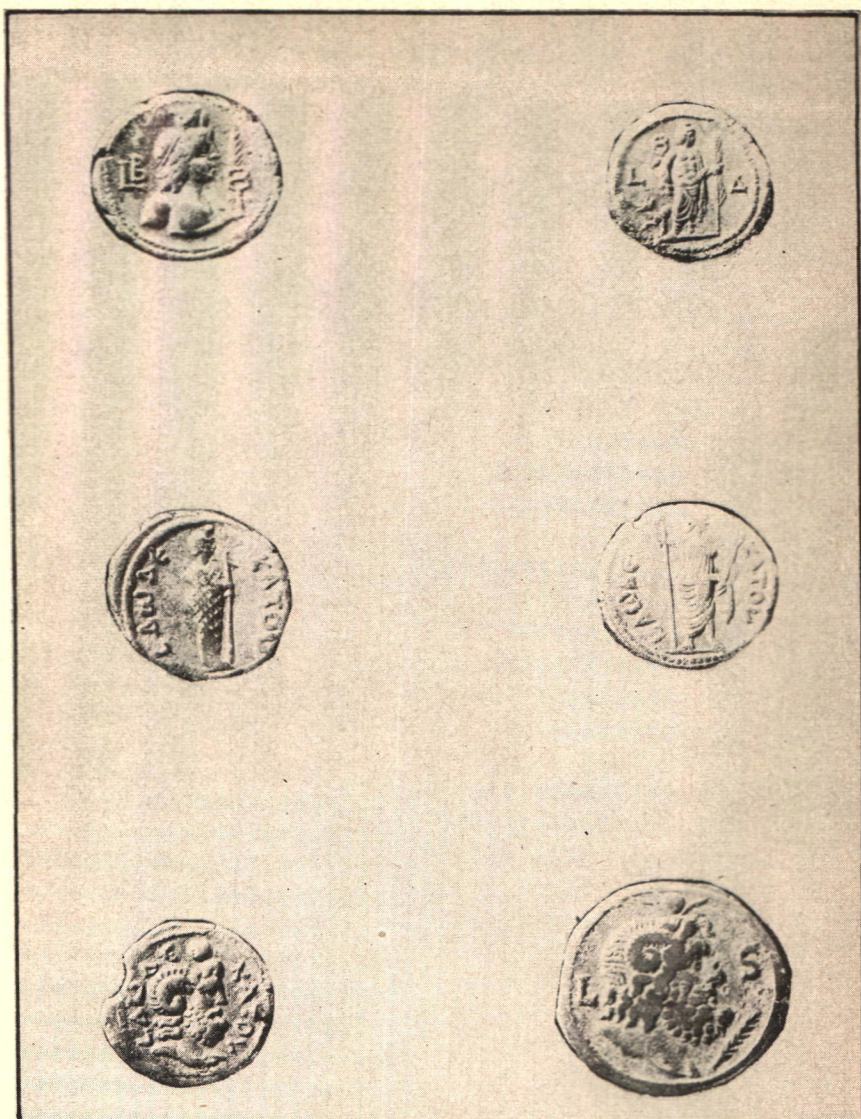


PLATE VII

Top row: Hermanubis bust, tetradrachm, Elagabalus; Hermanubis standing, tetradrachm, Philip II.

Middle row: Ptah-Sokar-Osiris, tetradrachm, Hadrian; Ptah-Hephaistos, tetradrachm, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Ammon head, diobol, Antoninus Pius; Ammon head, drachma, Philip II.

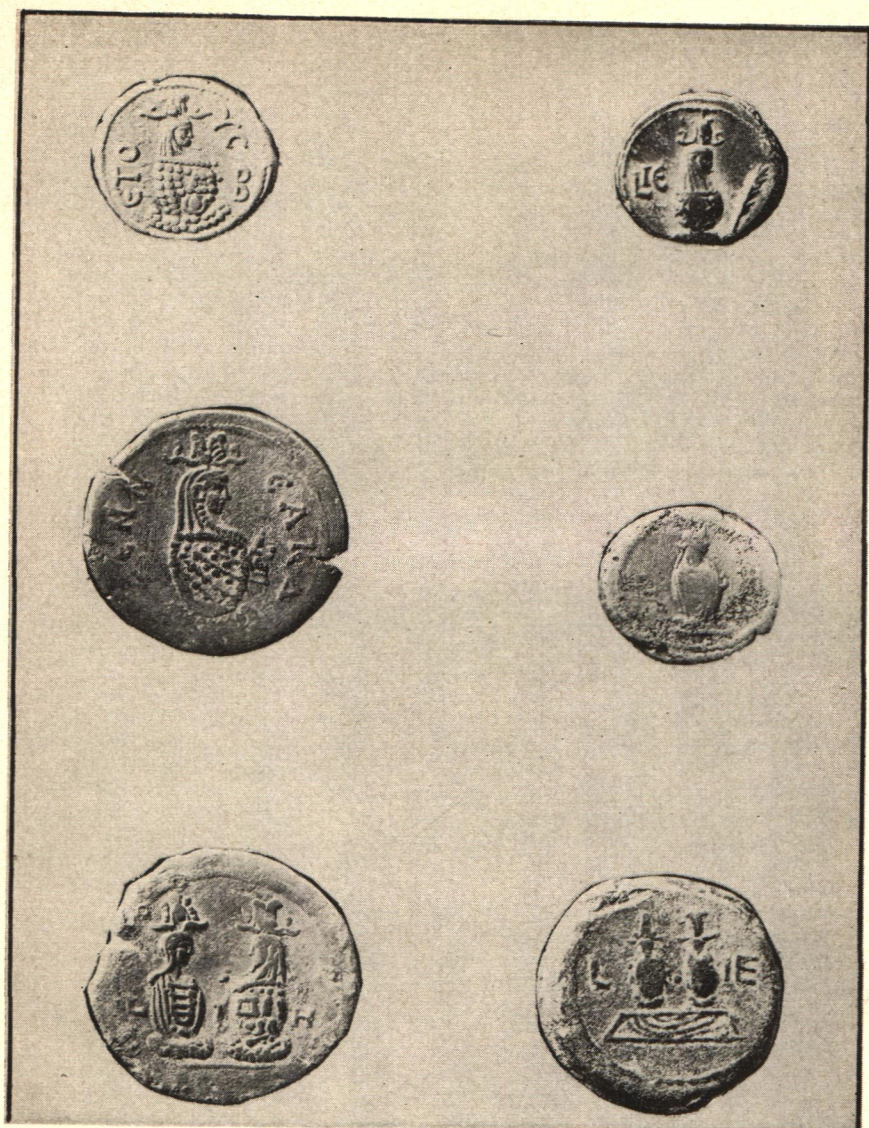


PLATE VIII

Top row: Canopus of Osiris, tetradrachm, Antoninus Pius; Canopus of Osiris, tetradrachm, Gallienus.

Middle row: Canopus of Osiris, drachma, Hadrian; Canopus of Isis, tetradrachm, Hadrian.

Bottom row: Canopi, facing, drachma, Hadrian; Canopi on altar, drachma, Trajan.

and Euthenia, from a tetradrachm of Elagabalus, and the bust of Euthenia alone, from a diobol of Agrippina. The plate is completed by two half-drachma reverses. On that of Hadrian, Euthenia is depicted reclining, holding corn ears. On that of Faustina Jr., Euthenia is shown standing, holding corn ears and a short scepter. Only one other specimen of this last coin is known.

Hermanubis was another god of rather complicated origins. One of the most ancient of all Egyptian gods was the jackal-headed Anubis (Anpu), who among other things served as guide to the souls of the dead. In time, a compound form of Anubis and Horus arose, designated as Harm-Anubis. It was an easy step to identify this form with the Greek god Hermes, and to thus develop the final name "Hermanubis." Although the coin types always depict Hermanubis with a human head, his identification with Anubis is usually evidenced by an attendant jackal.

Ptah was the ancient chief god of Memphis, capital of Egypt during the earlier dynasties. Among his many attributes, he was particularly noted as patron of artisans and skilled workmen. He was prominent throughout Egypt from an early period. His single appearance on coins was during Hadrian's 20th Alexandrian year, at which time he was represented in two different aspects on a rather extensive issue of tetradrachms. One type represented him as the purely Egyptian Ptah-Sokar-Osiris, while the other identified him with a Greek divinity as Ptah-Hephaistos. This single appearance was hardly due to chance. As patron of artisans, he might well have been placed on the coinage as a substitute for Moneta, or more likely, in recognition of the skilled efforts which had implemented the great plan of building and construction inaugurated by Hadrian five years previously.

Ammon's classification has often been considered controversial, but it seems proper to include him in the series of Egyptian gods. As repre-

sented on the Alexandrian coinage, he combined elements of the ancient Egyptian Amen-Re (dominant divinity during the ascendancy of the Theban dynasties), Ammon of the Lybian Siwa Oasis, and the Thracian Ammon introduced by the Ptolemies. He is always depicted with a ram's horn at his temple, as was Amen-Re during Pharaonic times. He was closely identified with the Greek god Zeus.

Plate VII presents two coin types of Hermanubis, two types of Ptah, and two varieties of Ammon. The bust of Hermanubis is from a tetradrachm of Elagabalus, while the standing figure is from one of Philip II. The types of Ptah-Sokar-Osiris and Ptah-Hephaistos are both from tetradrachms of Hadrian. One variety of Ammon head is from an extremely rare diobol of Antoninus Pius, while the other is from an unpublished drachma of Philip II.

Among the few coin types of Alexandria that represented ancient Egyptian religious motifs unchanged by Greek influences, were those of the Canopi. The Canopus was a jar or vase in which the viscera of the deceased were placed during the embalming process. These were interred beside the mummy. The canopic jar itself was finished and decorated to bear a general resemblance to a mummy. Originally, the four canopic vases of a burial bore the heads of Osiris's four children, of which one was human and three were animal. The Canopi depicted on the coin types, however, always bore the head of Osiris or the head of Isis. Frequently a coin type included pairs of Canopi.

Plate VIII presents a variety of Canopic types. The two in the upper part depict representations of the Canopus of Osiris as shown on a tetradrachm of Antoninus Pius, and as presented on a tetradrachm of Gallienus. The latter is quite rare. Below these will be found a Canopus of Osiris from a drachma of Hadrian, and a Canopus of Isis from a tetradrachm of the same emperor. The plate is completed by two drachmas showing pairs of Canopi.

(To be continued)

THE ENGLISH SHILLING

By

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Continued from December, 1955, issue

Queen Anne was the youngest daughter of James II. She was a fat, gouty, over-pious woman who religiously washed and kissed the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday. She had 16 sickly children, not one of whom survived her, and she eventually died of a number of ailments, mostly stemming from her love of food.

Numismatically, her reign is divided into two periods. The first includes the issues struck up to 1707

appears the mint mark E for Edinburgh. There were a great number of coins struck with roses, plumes, or roses and plumes. Many of the later types and busts were issued concurrently. A rare type, which does not appear in the standard reference works (one of the lost issues) is the fourth bust, 1713 over 12.

George I was the great-grandson of James I and though German was the nearest Protestant heir. He was



Anne



George I

with the arms of England on one shield and the arms of Scotland on the other. Until that time England and Scotland were technically two countries, each with its own laws, religion, parliament and coinage, ruled and kept together by the personal union of the king or queen. Of this first group all are scarce or rare. The most common are the VIGO issues of 1702 and 1703, struck from silver captured at Vigo Bay from the Spanish.

The second group has three new busts, two of more or less common type and a third called the Edinburgh bust because it was used to strike Scotch coins at Edinburgh and because of the distinctive hair. The "after union" reverse has the arms of Scotland impaled on the arms of England, this device appearing on the first and third shields. Below the second bust, third bust and Edinburgh busts there ap-

a ridiculous little man with an enormous pointed nose who could not speak English. He has been unfairly accused of sitting up all night to count his money. While a miser, George had better things to do with his nights. His coins carry all of the English titles on the obverse and the German titles on the reverse. FIDEI DEFENSOR appears for the first time. The shields carry English arms impaled by Scottish; French arms (the throne of France had been claimed since the time of Edward III); Irish and German arms. The angles have alternate roses and plumes. In 1723, the ill-fated South Sea company, a scheme of John Law, supplied the silver for the largest issue of the reign. Every year the Pitcoale and Seacoale Company provided the major portion of the silver, but from 1723 to 1726 the Welsh Copper Company supplied small amounts of silver for a uni-

formly rare coinage. Not more than 100 or so pieces are known for any date. The coins are distinguished by w.c.c. underneath the bust and three plumes and linked Cs alternately in the angles. On some of the coins of the first George's reign we have found an unusually small and thick issue such as some specimens of 1721 over 20.

George II was constructed on much the same lines as his predecessor, except that he was fiercely proud of his military skill. His first coinage was engraved by Croker, a rather uninspired engraver who had come to the mint in 1692 or thereabouts. The engraving shows clearly the mark of age and time and he was replaced in 1739 by Tanner, a younger and better diemaker. The

The last shillings of this reign appeared in 1758. Towards the final years the coinage was becoming more and more difficult to maintain at full weight. More and more of the coins were clipped and worn, nearly a parallel situation to the one which caused the recoinage of 1696-97, except that this one was aggravated by two wars, upheavals in foreign financial centers and the export of full weight coins to Europe and the far east. It was estimated that most shillings had lost a quarter of their full weight by 1760.

George III was not the man to contend with this situation and his ministers had no easy, inexpensive (the government was heavily in debt) remedy for it, so the situation



George II



George III

titles were rearranged to have GEORGIUS II DEI GRATIA on the obverse and the other titles much abbreviated on the reverse. The young head was struck from 1727 to 1741. There were roses, plumes, or roses and plumes used on the reverse. Tanner's dies show a much better conception of the king and have larger lettering.

In 1744 Admiral Anson captured the Spanish treasure fleet off Lima Bay and when he came home his ships disgorged 23 wagonloads of gold, silver, pearls and other precious gems. The silver was made into coins in 1745 and 1746 and was denoted by LIMA underneath the bust. Two sets of proofs were struck during 1727 or 1728 and 1746. These beautiful coins were produced for unknown reasons. The 1727-28 proof shillings were either omitted or are not known to us though they may appear someday.

was largely ignored and great quantities of gold were issued. A few scattered issues of silver took place. The 1763 issue was of nearly the same type as the earlier ones but only 2000 were struck for distribution in Ireland by the Duke of Northumberland, when he was appointed governor-general. In 1786-87 a huge issue was put out of rather crude style with different shields and a rearranged legend. A shilling of this issue can be purchased for fifty cents which is hardly more than bullion value. In 1798 another issue of the same type was made but was suppressed for various reasons. An effort was made to countermark Spanish two-real pieces and pass them at 14d, though these are fairly rare.

Matthew Boulton and James Watt, using Watt's steampower, installed new machinery in the royal mint and in 1816, despite the cost, a com-

plete new series of approximately 87½ gr. weight per shilling was issued. All gold coins were demonetized and redeemed at the mint. The portrait was executed with skill by Wyon, though the king's head is piglike. From that time on, silver coins of England have been subsidiary, freely redeemable in gold but having a low intrinsic value. The many patterns of the reign were made by a number of artists, the most prominent being Tanner, Yeo, Pingo, Droz and Wyon.

Some mention should be made of the Wyon family which figured prominently from 1816 to 1888. The principal members were William, L. C., and A. G. Wyon. The first and most famous was William who worked for nearly 65 years and pro-

duced the attractive head of the king with loose hair in the manner of the lion shillings by Chantry and Wyon. The reverse has an unimaginative wreath with ONE SHILLING and the date written in, surmounted by a crown. The principal variation is provided by round or square-topped 3s in the date. Proofs were struck every year of issue, as during the

head was redesigned, showing the artistically superior one modeled by Chantry. The reverse bears the royal crest, a lion standing on a crown. These lion shillings were issued from 1826 to 1829, and a succeeding issue, with minor variations has been issued from 1902 to 1952. A proof was struck every year except 1827, which is unusual.



George IV



William IV

duced along with his everyday work some of the most skillfully drawn patterns the world has seen. It is comparable only with that of Simon and Alexander of Brugsal. These men stand as giants in the field of English coin engraving. Their work shows the advance of civilization from the crude hammering of Henry VII to the smooth steam or hydraulic presses of Victoria's time. Each in his own way immortalized himself by his work. L. C. and A. G. Wyon were younger members of the family, both retaining some of William's skill but not all of his genius.

George IV's artistic taste produced two different heads and three reverses in 10 years. The first head was that which had been modeled by Benedetto Pistrucci, an Italian sculptor, and engraved by Wyon. It shows the king with a laureated head facing left with a round garnished shield on the reverse. The second type has a square, crowned, ungarnished shield. In 1826 the

reign of George IV. The years 1830, 1832 and 1833 are omitted altogether. The bluff sailor king could see no use in the artistic efforts of his brother and temporarily set back the design of the coins.

The young head of Victoria epitomizes the dignity and grace of the young queen. The first head, variety one, was used only in 1838 and 1839. These two dates are hard to obtain, but will amply reward the viewer when seen. The reverse is of the same type as that of William IV. As the years pass, the master engraver's touch falters ever so slightly, and the portrait ages ever so slightly also. In 1864 the mint began to number its dies as 1 to 78 or 122 or 11, etc. Generally, the lower the highest die number for any year the rarer will be the coin. This practice was discontinued in 1879.

Up to 1887 innumerable patterns were struck by Wyon, L. C. Wyon, Charles W. Wiener and W. J. Tay-

lor. They have many different heads or busts with numerous titles, some reading HALF FLORIN.

In 1887 the jubilee coinage was produced, commemorating the 50th year of Victoria's reign. In my opinion these coins were lamentably ugly and stultified with the ugly portrait of the queen and a badly designed shield. This was evidently the feeling of the powers that be, so that in 1893 the "old head," a well-drawn and engraved portrait came into use. The reverse carried three shields on the garter. There

temporarily, the coinage was debased to 50% silver and 50% alloy. The common knowledge of this plus a coin which turned brown in a few months after striking made the coins unpopular but the alloy was reworked to be better-lasting and in 1926 the head was made slightly smaller and more delicate. This can readily be seen on pence. In 1927 the act of debasement was made complete. New types for all coins were issued, the lion of the shilling becoming more stylized and the inner ring lost.



Victoria



George V



Edward VII



George VI

were a few patterns by L. C. Wyon for the jubilee issue.

When Victoria died, her fun-loving playboy son, Edward VII, took the crown. His artistic taste was reflected in the coinage of his reign. New types were introduced for the florin and shilling. The beautiful and slightly glorified head of the king is engraved in low relief with high artistic letters. The reverse is a beautiful adaptation of the lion shillings of 1826. This issue is hard to obtain in uncirculated condition, but for some reason is very easy to find in very fine or worse.

The tenure of George V was marked by many sad mistakes, but numismatically the general standards were high. The first type has the same reverse as Edward with an efficient obverse portrait. In 1920, because the price of silver rose

George VI's coinage of shillings is interesting in that there are three types and two varieties of each type. The first type is in silver, one variety nearly the same as the last of George V, and the other, minted out of respect to his wife's Scotch ancestry, shows an old Scotch crest, that of Darnley and Mary, queen of Scots. The second type was struck first in 1947. It is in copper-nickel, discarding silver entirely, but retaining the same two types. The last type was struck without the IND IMP which was put on in 1877, until the king's death. Proofs were struck in 1937, 1950 and 1951.

The modern shillings of Elizabeth II have retained both the English and Scotch types, but the difference is shown by coats-of-arms rather than by crests. The obverse shows a very delicate portrait bust of the

queen in low relief. We believe that it will shortly be changed as it shows a tendency to wear off quickly. Proofs were struck in 1953.



Elizabeth II

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Obituaries

DR. JACOB HIRSCH A.N.A. NO. 3017

In June, 1955, death took away the Grand Old Master of Numismatics, Dr. Jacob Hirsch, in his 81st year, while he was spending his vacation in his beloved Paris. He was the last of his generation of outstanding numismatists, yet he was the first who gave the science of numismatics an entirely new and wider aspect. His activities were manifold, classical art in all its branches, from Greece, Rome and Egypt, mediæval sculpture, Renaissance bronze, paintings and medals. All this, and many other objects could be admired at his New York place. When you entered it, you sensed the rare atmosphere of dignity. Then you met this man with his penetrating eyes, and you were immediately under the spell of a remarkable personality. He had a deep knowledge of many things, but his outstanding quality was an unfailing memory. He could converse for hours on an object, and out of a modest looking thing came something that had a great historic or personal meaning. At the last visit this writer implored him to write his memoirs, or to put down a bit of his vast experience. But he modestly shook his head and replied: "Who cares?" But his most remarkable trait was his unerring sense for highest quality. In this respect he was pitiless, and made concessions to no one.

While his great transactions concerned mostly objects of art, I believe that in the innermost of his heart his love belonged to numismatics. His first great catalog published in 1905 covered the collection of the Greek archaeologist Rhousopoulos. Compare this scientific description and those 58 magnificent plates, and you realize at a glance that here a new era started. From then onwards followed some two score catalogs,

covering such famous collections as Weber, Philipsen, Pozzi, Bement, Levis, Allatini and on to Sartiges; not to forget the Gutekunst, Loebbecke and Sambon collections of Renaissance medals.

Lack of space prohibits a complete listing. But we should not omit his many personal qualities. He was unfailing when he could help somebody, by advice or by action. If he pronounced a coin as genuine or false, you could be sure his judgment was well founded. At one of such opportunities he repeated a lesson stemming from his teacher Furtwaengler: "If you are absolutely convinced, say so. If you are in doubt, and you pronounce a coin to be genuine which later on turns out to be a fake, it will be considered as an error, and it will be forgiven eventually. But if you pronounce a coin to be a fake which later on turns out to be genuine, that will always be judged as a crime." And he had a slight twinkle in his eyes.

I say: "Thank you, Dr. Hirsch, for your advice in frequent cases, and for your help in embellishing my sales." Many fine coins were consigned by him, among others the beautiful series of Roman Aurei in the 1952 convention sale.

The only picture I have in my studio is yours, Dr. Hirsch; it will always remind me of a great scholar and a noble and helpful friend. I shall aspire to follow in your footsteps, but I am convinced the goal will never be reached. — E. G.

WILLIAM C. PIPER, A.N.A. NO. 2050

William C. Piper, Sr., 68, of 307 North Graham St., died at his home Oct. 22, 1955. A native Pittsburgher, he was a member of the Fourth United Presbyterian Church of East End, the East Liberty Lodge IOOF, American Numismatic Association, and Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. A graduate of Carnegie Tech, he was active in the building trades industry. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Nellie Graffuis Piper; a daughter, Mrs. Samuel E. Glass, McDonald, Pa.; two sons, William C. Jr., and Paul A. of Pittsburgh; a sister, Mrs. Edwin Reynolds of New York. Burial was in Allegheny Cemetery.

RENE PAUL CHAMBELLAN

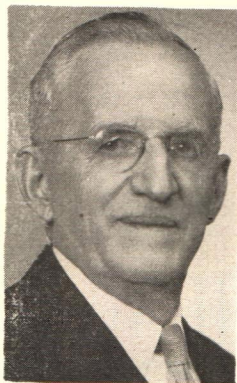
Rene Paul Chambellan, 62, architectural sculptor and a leading designer of medallions, died in a Jersey City, N. J., nursing home Nov. 29, 1955. He was noted for his decorations on many world famous buildings, including the notable "tree of life" stone panel over the main entrance of Tribune Tower in Chicago and the sunken gardens and fountain of Rockefeller Center in New York.

Two of his creations in the medallion field were the Iwo Jima commemorative medal and the Cancer control medal. He did sculptured panels for Yale, Northwestern and Cornell universities and Lafayette college.

Born in West Hoboken, N. J., the son of Pierre and Louise Chambellan, he was educated at New York university, Beaux Arts Institute of Design, and Ecole Julian in Paris. He served as a sergeant in the 11th U. S. engineers in France during World War I. Surviving are his widow, Suzanne; a son, Rene Edmond; two daughters, Suzanne and Madeleine; six grandchildren and four brothers.

CLAUDE R. COLLIER A.N.A. NO. 661

Claude R. Collier, 75, of 10 Kendall Ave., Binghamton, N. Y., died Nov. 9, 1955, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, in Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Collier was president of the H. C. Collier and Sons, Inc. Since completion of his education, he had been associated with his father's business, a concern which engaged in the manufacture of paints, varnishes and heavy chemicals. He was born in Kirkwood, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1879, and received his education in the Binghamton public schools and at Lowell's School of Business.



Claude R. Collier

The greatest achievement in his coin collecting avocation was his receipt of the gold medal at the 1954 A.N.A. convention for his 50 years as a member of A.N.A.

Services were conducted by Dr. Arthur R. McKay of the First Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Collier was a member. He also belonged to the American Philatelic Society, Triple Cities Coin Club, the Binghamton Philatelic Society, Otseningo Lodge 435, F. & A. M., Otseningo Scottish Rite Consistory and Kalurah Temple. For 31 years he belonged to the Binghamton Rotary Club and had a perfect attendance record for over 25 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jane Collier, a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lofstrom and two sons Homer K. and Duane C. Collier and five grandchildren.

J. OTTO SCHWEIZER

J. Otto Schweizer, 92, famed sculptor of many historical monuments, died Dec. 1, 1955, in a convalescent home after a short illness. For half a century he had lived and worked in a little studio at 2215 W. Venango St., Philadelphia, Pa.

He created many notable monuments, heroic statues, busts, reliefs, plaques, and medallions. The classical Alexander the Great on the obverse of the A.N.A. membership medal is his work and was designed by him

about 1916. Statues by him may be found in half a dozen states, with many in Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania, one of the most noteworthy being that of Maj. Gen. Peter Muhlenberg in Philadelphia.

He was born in Zurich, Switzerland, and studied in Swiss, German and Italian schools before he entered the United States as a penniless immigrant at the age of 31. After a year in New York, he went to Philadelphia, where he made his home. He married Bertha Meynen in 1902. After 10 years as a commercial artist in a lithographic concern, he left to devote full time to his art career. One son, Antonin B., and two grandchildren survive.

JAMES H. WYMAN, A.N.A. NO. 6523

Saddened by the passing of their dear friend and veteran member, James H. Wyman, members of the Des Moines Coin Club paid silent tribute to his memory at their regular meeting in December. Mr. Wyman, 91, a resident of Des Moines for 77 years, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, in 1864. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1884 and was the last survivor of his class. He was associated with the Bankers Life Company as an auditor until his retirement 15 years ago. Mr. Wyman was a member of St. Lukes Episcopal Church where his funeral was held on Nov. 25, 1955. Surviving are his beloved widow, one son and two daughters.

Mr. Wyman, a member of the American Numismatic Association since 1937, had been an enthusiastic coin collector for many years and was actively preparing to exhibit at the Iowa Numismatic Association convention when he became ill before the opening. He regularly attended all club meetings with the writer and thoroughly enjoyed a little joke of ours about our night out each month "to paint the town red." He was a fine gentleman who felt kindly toward and spoke kindly of his many friends who will miss him greatly. — H. E. B.

HENRY A. STERNBERG, A.N.A. NO. 1960

Henry A. Sternberg, 80, a life-long resident of Dundee, Ill., died at his home Nov. 4th, after a lingering illness. Mr. Sternberg and his wife Alice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1952. He ran a general store there for 25 years, retiring in 1923. Later he was a member of the school board for 16 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Funeral services were held Monday following, with interment in East Dundee cemetery.

Mr. Sternberg was a long-time member of the American Numismatic Association, No. 1960, and a collector of coins for more than 50 years. He belonged to the Chicago Coin Club some years ago and was a regular attendant at monthly meetings. He was a distinguished and learned numismatist, having owned many of the best known examples of early U. S. coinage. Once he owned one of the best collections of early U. S. gold coins, as well as some of the finest known specimens of early cents, including 1793's, in uncirculated mint red condition. He rated as one of the best authorities on early large cents. A kind, friendly, and upright man, he attended many national conventions years ago, and will be greatly missed by those who knew him. He is survived by his widow, Alice; a daughter, Mrs. Ellen S. Kionka, and a son, Erle. — M. H.

CHARLES ELMORE GREEN, A. N. A. NO. 4104

Charles Elmore Green, 61, numismatist and internationally known Chicago coin dealer, died in sleep at his home Dec. 21, 1955. For many years he and his wife, Ruth, operated a retail coin business in Chicago's loop under the firm name of R. Green. Born in McGregor, Texas, April 7, 1894, Mr. Green was a veteran of World War I during which he suffered permanent injuries. In 1921 he became the 25th patient of the then new U. S. veterans hospital at Hines, Ill. and spent the next five years there. He married Ruth Scrivner, who survives him, in 1926. Also surviving are two sisters, Estella Bickle and Johnnie Lantron, of Texas, and a brother, William, of California. After services in the Lain and Sons chapel, burial was in Oakridge Cemetery, Westchester, Ill., a Chicago suburb, with full military honors by the Disabled American Veterans.

A man of great physical and moral courage, he fought constantly to overcome the handicaps of physical disabilities. He was a past commander of both Cook County, Ill., Council of the DAV and of its Verdun Chapter. He also belonged to the Theodore Roosevelt Post of the American Legion and Park Lane Lodge No. 1125, A. F. and A. M. Since 1932 Mr. Green had been Regular Member No. 4104 of the American Numismatic Association. He was a member of many other numismatic groups, including the Chicago Coin Club, and the Central States Numismatic Society, and generously supported their activities. His straightforward manner and firm character won him countless admirers among coin collectors and dealers everywhere. The numismatic world has lost a true friend.

GEN. HULL GIVEN HULL TOKENS

Most people, unlike the late Martin Coles Harmon with his Lundy Island puffins and half puffins, do not have their own personalized coins. But Gen. John E. Hull, recently retired as the American commander-in-chief of the combined United Nations Far East Command in the Pacific, now carries two in his pocket. On the eve of his retirement in Tokyo, early last summer, an authentic Hull penny and half penny were presented him by Col. Montgomery C. Jackson of the United States army transportation corps.

These coins were struck in 1812 for use in the Yorkshire city of Hull in England. The impact of the Napoleonic wars was felt throughout Europe in many ways. In England, the war effort called for both men and money. In addition to her troops, priority in allocation of certain metals was given to the manufacture of muskets, pistols, cannon, and other war material. The numis-

matic effect of this was the reduction of the amount of metal available for the minting of British small currency, mostly pennies and half pennies.

A token coinage sprang up all over England and Ireland. Hundreds of varieties appeared, mostly struck by enterprising merchants for purely local circulation. After Waterloo, Europe slowly reconverted to peace. In England more "butter" began to replace "guns," and more government issue pennies and half pennies began to jingle in British pockets. The emergency token coins quickly disappeared from the market place, and those not melted for the metal they contained became souvenirs and items of more or less numismatic value.

According to the inscription on the Hull coins, they were issued by the I. K. Picard Lead Works in the city of Hull, and redeemable at the rate of one pound sterling for 240 of these token pennies. The enter-

prising Mr. Picard would pay this amount at his lead works in Hull or at his London agency address of 124 Upper Thames St.

Gen. Hull retired after a long and

North Sea, was one of the ports employed in the build-up and take-off for the invasion of the continent. While in England, Gen. Hull had occasion to visit the city of Hull



Hull penny.

Hull half penny.

honorable career of service in the United States army. During World War II, he was in England and materially assisted in the planning and execution under Eisenhower of the allied cross channel assault on the Normandy Coast of occupied France. The success of this gigantic operation led to the collapse and final defeat of the German arms. The English seaport city of Hull, on the

several times but had no idea that pennies and half pennies bearing his name had ever been struck there.

Col. Jackson, who presented these "coins" to the general was assigned to the Ryukyus command and stationed on Okinawa, the "Gibraltar of the Pacific." Col. Jackson has been interested in numismatics for years and holds A.N.A. membership No. 4283.

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Book Review

"The Coins of Korea and an Outline of Early Chinese Coinages," by Alan D. Craig, published by the author, P. O. Box 491, Berkeley, Calif, 1955. Boards, 96 pp., profusely illustrated, \$4.95.

The author has finally been able to surmount the many vexatious delays which prevented the earlier publication of his long overdue study of the Korean metallic currencies and it is now available to interested collectors. He assiduously searched out rare Korean specimens in Japanese collections, and acquired an extensive collection together with collateral published data on his specialty during his two-year tour of military duty in Japan.

The several chapters on various phases of the metallic monetary issues of Korea proper are prefaced by a chapter outlining the ancient Chinese antecedents of Korea's indigenous coinage, and all are illustrated by an extensive collection of pictorial representations of pertinent speci-

mens. The data on Korean coinages have been chronologically arranged under the chapter headings of Ancient Korean Mediums of Exchange, Ancient Coins, Medieval Coins, The Later Cast Coinages, and The Modern Struck Coinages. The considerable detailed facts given have been gleaned by translations from many obscure or rare publications in the Korean, Chinese, and Japanese languages, as well as from several occidental languages. Throughout, a liberal use has been made in the text of appropriate Chinese characters in the reproduction of inscriptions appearing on the coins, and care has been taken to place illustrative matter and footnotes adjacent to the text.

The author has entered into a long and, to the reviewer's notion, unconvincing argument attempting to prove a Korean connection with the rare *Hai-Kwan* taels and their fractions. It is believed that the better case for their being of purely Chinese origin has been presented by E. Kann, on pages 324 and 325 of his *Illustrated Catalog of Chinese Coins*, published in 1954.

It is not often that the subjects of prices and values of coins is frankly discussed in print, but the author discusses these taboos in a frank and amusing manner near the end of the book. — H. F. BOWKER

NEW SWISS GOLD COINS



50 francs, enlarged.

(Photo by Photopress, Zurich.)



The Federal Government of Switzerland is issuing new gold pieces of 25 and 50 francs. Both obverse dies have been engraved by the Swiss sculptor Remo Rossi.

The obverse of the 50 francs reproduces the monument of the three confederates at the Rutli oath by which the Confederation was founded in 1291. This monument by the sculptor Wibert stands in the main lobby of the federal parliament house at Berne. The 25 francs shows the national hero William



25 francs, enlarged.

(Photo by Photopress, Zurich.)



Tell after the painting of the famous Swiss painter Ferdinand Hodler.

For the moment the Federal mint is striking five millions of 25 francs pieces and two millions of the 50 francs pieces. It is not yet known when the coins will be released but they are meant to be put into circulation as the face value corresponds exactly to the actual money value. The fact of circulating gold coins at face value will be a unique feature in world currency. — Dr. Herbert A. Cahn.

Top of the Clubs

Editor's note: The following items were selected from this month's club reports because of newsworthiness and general interest.

Atlanta Coin Club recently featured a dealers night which was headed by Leroy D. Martin and B. J. Dantone. Coin prices were discussed. A dealer was defined as "a collector who started trading with friends and wound up as a dealer without realizing it."

Eight different grades of Lincoln cents in a holder were presented to the **Bellingham Coin Club** by Al Woodruff and Ralph Graham as a guide in buying or selling coins.

The **Bronx Coin Club** heard a talk on coin photography with blackboard sketches to illustrate.

D. Wayne Johnson and William L. Furry presented a dialogue, "The Coin of Fate," for the **Missouri Numismatic Society**.

The **Northwest Coin Club** will conduct a numismatic quiz program during the year 1956 with an award of a U. S. Savings Bond to the member accumulating the most points. Five questions on coins will be asked at each of the year's 10 meetings. The answers will be found in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* or *Handbook of United States Coins*. Bonus questions based on *The Numismatist* will be used from time to time. Arnold A. Thorson, A.N.A. club representative, is donor of the prize.

L. L. Trickey told about his 50 years as a coin collector before the **Orange County Coin Club** and stated that he

has yet to buy his first coin, as all of his came from circulation.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society turned the October meeting over to non-numismatic hobbies.

R. N. James reminisced on his 66 years collecting coins at the **West Tennessee Numismatic Society** meeting.

Rev. Edward W. Lewis gave a brief talk on the history of numismatics for the **Worcester County Numismatic Society**.

Exhibit oddments — Animal and bird coins (W. M. Hayes, Baltimore CC). Confederate half dollar and Confederate flags (F. N. Hahlen, Western Reserve Numismatic C). Roman gold (W. W. Lyon, Cincinnati Numismatic Assn.). Oriental coins (Seattle CC members). German wedding medals (Earle Clauder, Madison CC). Tom Thumb token (Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Soc.). Canadian one cent complete, 1858-1953 (Ernest Weidhaas). California gold (Paul Igelman, Hawthorne CC). Philippine paper money (Dr. J. Blanchard). Missouri money (Missouri Numismatic Society). Coins featuring women (George J. Bauer, Rochester Numismatic Assn.). "Shooting Coins and Rifle" exhibit (Frank K. Tamney, Camden County Coin Club). Pedley-Ryan dollar (Harold Zeigler, Oklahoma City CC). Japanese currency (Mr. McDonald, Philadelphia Coin Club). Babylonian clay tablet and silver ring money of Tangiers (Michael Granis, Long Island CC). Prison money (Oscar Susskind, Long Island CC). Sheet of Moravian paper currency (William T. Anton, Bergen County Coin Club).

"Platina" — Platinum was known to the Colombian Indians of South America long before America was discovered by Columbus in 1492. In the 17th century this precious metal was brought to the attention of Spanish colonists who scornfully called it "platina," and valued it lower than silver because they were unable to separate and use it profitably. Today platinum is worth roughly 100 times as much as silver.

TWO LETTERS

Our Advertising Manager, Burton H. Saxton, attended the annual convention of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, held in Philadelphia October 28th to 30th. In company with many other members he visited the U. S. Mint while there, and the following self-explanatory letters (published with the approval of the Superintendent of the Mint) should prove of interest. — THE EDITOR.

November 5th, 1955

Mrs. Rae V. Biester
Superintendent
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Biester:

I was privileged to hear your notable address at our recent numismatic convention in the Sylvania Hotel; and among the many keenly interesting experiences you related, I remember your reference to the heavy volume of daily correspondence to which you have most willingly given your personal attention.

I am therefore venturing a suggestion, which in itself may seem of little moment; but in the light of the fact that *precision* must be one of the major demands of all departments of the Mint, I would mention one item which has evidently escaped notice.

The Guard who conducted our group earlier in the day — at all times helpful and courteous — had occasion to refer often to the various denominations coined, among them invariably designating the *cents* as *pennies* — a denomination never struck by the Mint in all its history. I am aware that he was but following the careless custom of millions of his fellow citizens, but of course it is nevertheless 100 per cent wrong — and of all places in which we would expect to have a coin's denomination rightly stated, it seems the Mint itself should come first. I am sure you will accept this in the same kindly spirit in which it is offered.

Our visit to this, one of our oldest and most important national institutions, will surely be long and gratefully remembered by our entire group.

With appreciation and all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) BURTON H. SAXTON
Advertising Manager

November 15, 1955

Mr. Burton H. Saxton
Advertising Manager
THE NUMISMATIST
P.O. Box 548
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Mr. Saxton:

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 5th and thank you — sincerely — for your nice comments on my talk at the dinner of MANA and, also, the visits of the Delegates to the United States Mint!

I had not known that our Guards — on tour — spoke of *pennies*, but I am glad that you have called it to my attention; and henceforth this important little coin shall always be referred to with the dignity to which it is entitled, by the word *cent*!

It is a happy coincidence that on Sunday — the day following the Dinner — I was interviewed for an article in a Thursday newspaper, and I emphasized this particular coin, for the general reader's knowledge! I will send you a copy of the paper, when it is released!

Sincerely,

(Signed) (MRS.) RAE V. BIESTER
Superintendent

SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS:

FIFTY-SECOND ISSUE



This medal commemorates the 150th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen and is the work of Georg Lober, Chicago-born sculptor, who was a pupil of Calder, Borglum and Longman and studied at the National Academy of Design and the Beaux Arts Institute.

To know a coin, know its weight

WEIGHTS IN NUMISMATIC DESCRIPTIONS

By

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IN THE case of many series, one of the most essential features of an accurate coin description is its weight. Alas, many sale and auction catalogs currently published in this country, as well as some non-commercial numismatic works, fail to include this very essential feature in descriptions. Commercial catalogs can have considerable scientific interest if correctly prepared and nicely prepared plates can enhance them, but the absence of weights can detract considerably from them. The space required for specifying the weight of a coin in its description is a very small one. It usually takes up less space than a single word.

In the following paragraphs, I would like to outline the advantages of including weights in descriptions. First consider the question of what coins should be weighed. As a general principle, the older the coin, the more important is its weight in describing it. Modern methods of minting are so precise as to make the weights of individual coins quite uniform. Furthermore, weights have become more internationalized and standardized since the 18th century. For example, all French silver francs (and their derivatives of the Latin Monetary Union in Italy, Greece, etc.) up to the time of the first World War had a gross weight of exactly 5 grams. All silver coins of the United States (except the dollar itself) are based on the metric standard developed in France at the end of the 18th century. Thus, the dime weighs 2.5 grams, the 20¢ piece 5 grams, the quarter 6.25 grams and the half dollar 12.50 grams. Many modern Latin American coins bear

inscriptions of their weights. The more precious the metal, the more important the weight in describing the coin struck in that metal. Mintmasters have seldom striven for as great precision in the minting of coins in the baser metals.

In dealing with modern coins only struck after 1800, the weight of a coin can convey a moderately accurate idea of its condition. We must note, however, that a coin must have undergone considerable wear before losing much of its weight. A modern coin in "very good" condition has typically lost perhaps 3% of its weight.

As we go further back into monetary history, weight takes on an ever increasing importance. Many large silver pieces of as late as the 17th century bear no indications of their denominations. In many instances, the denomination of a coin becomes obvious only when we know its weight. How easily a half dollar can be distinguished from a gulden by its weight. The weight of gold pieces is even more helpful in this regard when we are dealing with such small pieces as half and quarter ducats. The general aspects of a whole monetary system can be more readily understood if we regard the weights of coins in that system. One instance is the ancient Greek monetary system, with its commonly minted denominations ranging from the hemi-obol to the tetradrachm, the latter of which weighs 48 times as much as the former, since there were six obols to the drachm.

In some instances, cruder types of counterfeits can be detected by weights varying considerably from

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the standard. Obviously, specific-gravity determinations can be even more helpful in this regard (cf. *Numismatist*, Nov., 1953).

A further advantage of including weights in numismatic descriptions (along with specifications of the diameters of the coins) is a more accurate idea of the general appearance of a coin, even where no illustrations are given of the piece in question.

The numismatist who fails to weigh the coins with which he is dealing foregoes an insight into one of the most exciting aspects of monetary history and minting techniques. How interesting it is, for example, to watch the constancy of the weight of the Byzantine solidus (at about 4.42g) and its division, the tremissis, over a period of many centuries. During these centuries the Byzantine gold coins prevailed throughout Europe¹ as a standard medium of exchange, just as our dollar is today a standard for so many parts of the world. The Roman denarius likewise maintained a fairly uniform weight until economic crises in the later centuries of the empire forced the adoption of new standards.

The saying that a prince is to be judged by "the keeping of his word, the cleanness of his streets and the value of his coins" is attributed to a Hessian landgrave of the 16th century. Coinage weights are often as interesting in tracing the rise and fall of a nation or dynasty as the artistic standards of its coins. We need only mention the decay in coinage weights and standards of fineness along with the parallel decay in artistic standards during the final

decades of the Seleucid dynasty. The Bactrian series also presents an interesting development in this regard.

Before closing, let us discuss a few of the technical matters pertaining to the weighing of coins. The novice may ask: "How does one go about finding out what the standard weights of various coins are?" In the case of modern coins, government publications and handbooks of various types, such as Jaeger's work on the German series after 1871, often give the answers. In the case of ancient coins, weights are a standard part of the descriptions given in such works as the British Museum catalogs.

The actual weighing of a coin takes only a minute by means of balance scales. Balances and weights may readily be obtained from chemical supply houses for a few dollars. One must avoid any weighing device other than the simple balance and weights other than metric weights, i.e., weights in terms of grams and milligrams. Such handbooks as Head's *Historia Numorum* give conversion tables for the metric and English weights², the latter of which is to be avoided, since the scientific world now uses the French weights.

In view of the advantages of knowing the weight of a coin — better insight into its condition, denomination and position in monetary history, as well as the elimination of some of the cruder types of counterfeits — we must conclude that the weighing of a coin is one of the most essential features of its examination and description, especially in the older series.

1 One striking proof of this fact may be seen in the writings of such German authors of the 12th and 13th centuries as Herbold von Fritzlar and Heinrich von Veldeke, who refer to gold coins with the word *bisant*.
2 Pp. 965-966, 1911 edition.

DID YOU KNOW THAT — The 1926 sesquicentennial commemorative half was the first American coin carrying the likeness of a living president, Calvin Coolidge?

CALENDAR MEDALS AND STORE CARDS

By

MELVIN AND GEORGE FULD

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Many people have been of great assistance in compiling this list. The project was started in June, 1950, when Stuart Mosher suggested that we attempt to compile a list of calendar medals and started us off by lending us his own group of calendars. Max M. Schwartz then helped us along by allowing us to list his collection of over 45 calendars (the largest single group assembled up to that time). Since then many collectors and dealers have supplied us with calendars or information about them. We wish to thank the European firms of L. S. Forrer, Ltd., Spink & Son, Ltd., M. Hope, Felix Chruszcz, J. Schulman, A. H. Baldwin, Ltd., and Paul Tinchant for their efforts to locate foreign calendars. Mention can be made of only a few of the collectors in this country who have been of assistance, James J. Curto, Archer M. Graham, Murray Heiserman, E. J. Barry, Maurice Gould, Frank Washburn, Dr. Carl Westmark, Octave Pelletier, Edward Rice and others too numerous to mention. The American Numismatic Society graciously allowed us to list pieces in their collection. They also photographed all the calendars illustrated in the following pages. Col. Joseph Moss generously gave us a booklet on calendars by the Philadelphia Numismatic Society. Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Freeman and Johns Hopkins University kindly loaned us books and gave valuable information on the subject.

IN THESE time-conscious days, if you or I wish to determine the day of the month, we need hardly turn our heads to find a universally accepted calendar staring at us from the wall. The commercial advertising calendar has become a multimillion-dollar business. Our daily lives are calendar-controlled. We get birth dates before we are given names, and the dates of our deaths are engraved upon our tombstones. Without an authentic calendar the credit, legal, and commercial functions of business would bog down. History would be without substance. Yet, in spite of the common and daily acceptance of our present form of calendar, few are aware that the first successful dis-

tribution of a calendar was in the form of a metal calendar pocket piece.

Although the earliest calendar pieces known to the authors are dated 1684, apparently the first regular issuance of medals was by John Powell of Birmingham, England, in 1752. These pieces were not an accident nor the mere inspiration of an enterprising businessman. They were a necessity, born from a long accumulation of historical intrigue and development, climaxed by the decision of England to adopt the Gregorian system of recording time.

Eleven days had to be dropped by the English in 1752 to adjust their calendar to the new system

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and this created great confusion among the people. As a result something had to be placed in the hands of the populace which would permit them to know the correct date. It was the calendar medal, about which this paper is written, that solved the problem.

The calendar medal therefore, is something more than a curiosity or collector's item. It played an important part in the history of the world, as did the steamboat, the telephone and the printed book. It could be called the father of present-day advertising calendar.

Printing was a tedious and an expensive process 275 years ago when these medals first appeared; however, medallic art was well developed. It is, therefore, easy to appreciate why the medal calendar was popular between 1752 and 1860. Then as the art of printing gradually developed, the printed calendar gradually replaced the medal and eventually evolved into the present day high production industry.

Calendar medals are usually about the size of a silver dollar. They circulated mainly in Great Britain and the United States, although they were issued in other countries.

Between 1752 and 1832, the issuance of medals in England was probably of semi-official nature. No doubt the medals were sponsored as a standard of reference by the business houses of Birmingham, then the industrial center of England.

Advertising was quick to take advantage of the calendar pieces with the increasing use of private tokens toward the end of the 18th century. In the 1850s variations of the English calendar medals were issued in the United States. Then again, in 1900, the calendar pieces entered a short period of popularity before the printed calendar completely displaced them.

In recent years a mild confusion was created by an attempt to change Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday to the third Thursday in November. Some states adopted the change. Some did not. Recalling the complaints and conflict created by this attempted slight change in a calendar date, the magnitude of

the confusion and conflict created during the several historical changes in the calendar during the past centuries may be appreciated. The world was not as "small" and interwoven with trade and commerce as it is today. One nation or even segments of the same nation could have different methods or theories for computing time without undue confusion among its people. Conflict was left to the leaders of the states or religions. Their followers lived as their leaders decreed.

The original calendar, from which ours evolved, had 12 lunar months to the year. In 594 B.C., Solon introduced an alternate month of 30 and 29 days with an accommodation to the solar year by an occasional intercalary month. Later the intercalary month was established three times in eight years, producing an average year of 365½ days. This was the Greek calendar.

The ancient Egyptians based their year on the seasons without reference to the moon. Their year was divided into 12 months of 30 days with five supplementary days at the end of the year.

The Jewish year consisted, as it still does, of 12 lunar months, a 13th being intercalated from time to time to correlate measurement to the sun and seasons. The Jewish months have alternately 29 and 30 days. The years are arranged in cycles of 19 years, seven of which, the third, sixth, eighth, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th have the intercalary month. They are known as the "embolismic" years. Some of the months have one, and some have two days more than others, so that the years vary in length from 353 to 385 days. Both the Syrians and Macedonians had similarly determined years.

The Roman calendar had 10 months until the time of the kings, when it was divided into 12 months with an occasional intercalary month. The priests, who administered this became confused, and in 46 B.C. Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar predominated until 1582 A.D. It was a lunar calendar with 365 days with every fourth year a leap year of

366 days. Actually, it amounted to 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46 seconds when calculated from the solar year, making an error of 11 minutes, 14 seconds per year.¹

Pope Gregory XIII attempted to correct the errors of the Julian calendar in 1582, and gave to Europe the Gregorian calendar which is still in use. It was referred to as the "new style" calendar and the Julian calendar noted as the "old style." Not only did the Gregorian calendar find stubborn resistance to its adoption, but Pope Gregory attempted to correct the Julian calendar back to the Nicene council of 325 A.D.² To do this he found it necessary to drop 10 days altogether. He ordained they would be from October 4th to October 15th. Many of the uneducated people believed 10 days had been taken from their lives and rioting and misunderstandings occurred, so that years elapsed before the public realized what the changes actually meant. The new Gregorian calendar kept the leap year principle, but provided that every hundredth year should be a standard year and not be counted as a leap year, except every fourth hundredth year, starting with 1600.³

In Spain, Portugal, and parts of Italy, the pope was obeyed exactly. In France the 10 days were dropped by calling the 10th of December, the 20th. In the Low Countries the 15th

of December was changed to the 25th. But while the Catholic nations adopted the new style ordained by the pontiff, the Protestants resisted the adoption of a scientific improvement of this kind because of its Catholic origination.

Had the Gregorian reform been confined to insuring that the disparity between the tropical (solar) and the calendar years be removed by the omission of leap year from three out of four central years, no confusion would have arisen.⁴ If not for the fact that the pope reverted back to the reckoning of the Nicene council, the 10 days need never have been dropped. Had the consequences been foreseen, there is little doubt that the reform would have been confined to the future. The inconvenience of a retrospective correction has long been recognized. As a result, however, the change was productive of confusion which has persisted almost to our day.

Customs and mores depend upon the calendar. In Scotland, for example, the adjustments of half yearly terms to the new dates was only partially effected. Term payments of money gave very little trouble, but term occupation of houses and farms continued to be regulated by the old calendar dates.

The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth on Dec. 11, 1620, by the Julian calendar, or Dec. 21 by the new.

1. The mean equinox of the Julian calendar is 365.25 days, while in reality as measured by the seasons, it is $360^\circ + 27.685''$. Thus the mean length of the solar year is $\frac{360^\circ}{365.25} \times 365.25 = 365.2422$ days or 365 days, 5 hours, 48

minutes, 46 seconds. This gives an error of 0.0078 days per year, or 11 minutes, 14 seconds.

2. The Nicene council ordained that the celebration of Easter should occur on the Sunday following the full moon that happens upon, or next after the day of the vernal equinox.

3. Provision for the lack of leap year every hundredth year was not the only difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The old calendar was based on the two erroneous suppositions that the year contains $365\frac{1}{4}$ days, and that 235 lunations are equal to 19 solar years. Thus it could not long maintain its correct correspondence with the seasons. The author of the new system was Aloysius Lilius, who did not live to see his calendar adopted; he was a learned astronomer and physician of Naples. The individual who most contributed to the "new system," and who did all the calculations necessary for its adoption was Clavius, who completely explained it in a treatise published in 1600. Lilius found that the lunar cycle contained 6,939 days, 18 hours whereas the time for 235 lunations is 6,939 days, 16 hours, 31 minutes. The difference, 1 hour, 29 minutes accounts for an error of a day in 308 years. He rejected the old system of numbering new moons, and introduced the new set called epacts. This system using additive numbers of 11, but limiting it to a set of 30, gives such values as 11, 22, 3, 14, etc. By taking into account leap years, and non-leaping hundredth years the system corrects most of its inherent errors. *Encyclopedia Britannica* and *Clavius, Romani Calendarli a Gregorio XIII P.M. restituti Explication*, (Rome, 1603).

4. Alexander Philip, *The Calendar, Its History, Structure and Improvement*, (Cambridge, 1921) Page 22.

However, the first celebration established the date as Dec. 22.

Furthermore, the change to the Gregorian calendar by England in 1752 brought about a curious complication to the United States. Under the Julian reckoning, George Washington was born Feb. 11, 1731,⁵ but with the new system, his birthday became Feb. 22, 1732. Washington had the distinction of officially celebrating two birthdays during his lifetime. The year of his birth is entered in the family Bible at Mount Vernon as follows: "George Washington, son of Augustine and Mary, his wife, born the 11th day of February 1731/2 about 10 in the morning, and was baptized on the 30th of April following."

It is interesting to note that the Washington medal designed by Brooks and published by J. Manly in 1790 bears the date of Washington's birth as Feb. 11, 1732 (sic). The second medal issued by Manly bears the date "11th Feb. O.S. 1732," both being incorrect either in the old or new system. Subsequent medals issued for Washington were all dated Feb. 22, 1732.

The change to the "new style" calendar in England was slow and complicated. A bill had been brought before parliament in 1585, but did not get beyond a second reading in the house of lords. It was only in 1751, after great inconvenience had been experienced for almost two centuries, that an act was passed for the equalizing of the calendar in Great Britain and Ireland with the other countries of Europe.⁶ It was necessary to drop eleven days so

that after the 2nd of September, 1752, the ensuing day was the 14th. The 3rd to the 13th went unwritten in England. Before this time the legal year was reckoned from the 25th of March to the 24th of March. This mode of calculation was supposed to have been in use since the first of January 1752 (by authority of the same act of parliament which adopted the "new style"). By this alteration of the commencement of the year in England, the year 1751 was minus the days of the month January, February, and to the 24th of March, inclusive. This means there were no English published legal documents written with those dates in the year 1751.

France reverted to a different calendar system after adoption of the "new system" during the Revolution of 1793, in a revolt against Christianity. The Gregorian system was restored by Napoleon I in 1806.⁷

While the Gregorian calendar was an attempt at a more perfect calendar, relatively free from errors, it does have an error of one day in 3223 years. It was put into use in almost all of Europe except England in 1572. Then in 1751, England decided to conform with the rest of the western world, and voted to change to the new system in 1752.

The need for dropping 11 days from the old calendar, and the confusion which followed this change, made it necessary to issue some form of an official and permanent calendar. The new system had to be kept clearly in mind, and the need was met by the issuance of calendar medals.

5. Although the official Julian New Year was Jan. 1, certain countries like Great Britain began their calendar year with the ancient spring equinox date, March 25. February of that year was in British reckoning 1731, in the Gregorian system 1732.

6. Sweden and Tuscany adopted the new form at the same period, however, Russia and Greece continued using the old style. It was only in the 1930s that the "people's government" of Russia adopted the "new style."

7. The French nation in 1793 undertook the task of making a new calendar professedly based only on philosophical principles. The new era was dated from the minute of the autumnal equinox (Sept. 22, 1792) which was also the day from which the existence of the republic was reckoned. There were 12 months of 30 days each dividing the decades, in which the days were numbered numerically — *Primidi, Dunodi*, etc., up to *Decadi*. The remaining five days were grouped as festal days at the end of the year being known as the *Sansculottids*. A sixth additional day in leap year was named *Le Jour de la Revolution*. See *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 3, 1879, page 65 "Computation of Time and Changes in the Calendar" by Spencer Bonsall and *The New International Encyclopedia* 1930 Vol. 4, page 322 fol. See medal by DuVivier.

During the year of the change-over, the yearly issuance of calendars in England was begun by James Powell. These were issued until 1781, when James Davies, also of Birmingham began issuing a series. The series was continued by P. Kempson, Kempson & Kindon, Kempson & Son, Kempson & Co., T. W. Ingram & Halliday, all of Birmingham, apparently until about 1832.

The English medals issued between 1752 and 1832 were all of similar design, in that they recorded the identical information in a very similar manner. The obverses have the calendar, good for 12 months, with several of the holidays of the particular year noted. The reverses contain a listing of the occurrences of the full moon and the new moon, with the hour for each recorded. Also the king's and queen's birthdays, Easter, Hilary,⁸ etc., were recorded.

It is interesting to speculate on some of the earlier issues of calendar medals. The first dated piece known to the authors, 1684, is of small size and uses the Julian calendar for that year. The second pieces known are of 1685 (two varieties being seen) and were issued by W. Foster. Two small lead perpetual calendars for this period are also known, one of which is signed (by W. P., but the name cannot be deciphered). Engraved pieces of 1690 and 1691 are known, one being signed J K. Several, namely 1716 and 1728 are listed and three years before 1752 are listed by Woodward. Whether these calendars were issued every year in England from 1714 to 1752 is open to considerable question.

That these pieces have heretofore been entirely neglected is evidenced by the fact that the engravers of these early pieces; namely, W. Foster, John Weet, and A. Buckley are entirely neglected in listings of medalists. It is unfortunate that listings of contemporary English medals, such as Hawkins, lists only

pieces directly bearing on historical events or people, completely neglecting the calendars. Further conjecture about the pieces issued before 1752 will be reserved until more evidence is offered, either from literature or from actual specimens located.

The only other dated piece known to the writers preceding 1752, was issued by Christian Wermuth in 1694, but since this was issued in Germany the Gregorian system was in effect. A movable silver undated calendar might have been issued in the 17th century.

In 1776 in Brussels, and in 1778 and 1779 in France, calendars were issued in imitation of the contemporary English ones. In Holland, a piece dated 1767, by Visser, with a portrait of William, prince of Orange, is known. These 18th century pieces outside of England, however, do not appear to be part of a planned series. Whether the various issues of members of the Loos family were issued over many years, remains to be seen by the discovery of additional pieces.

One piece issued in Dublin by William Goodfellow, probably at the end of the 18th century, is of considerable importance. Although not strictly a calendar, the piece might be part of the link-up between printed calendars and medals. Although it is a plate for etching, its form and size are that of a medal. Whether the tie is real is a question that probably never can be settled fully.

Apparently the first calendars issued in the United States were by S. H. Gilman of Boston in 1845. Shortly thereafter, under a copyright by I. B. Person in 1851, pieces were issued by Person in 1852, and an extensive series by J. B. Hyde from 1852 to 1855. T. S. Sperry in 1854 and 1855 issued similar pieces.

One of the most interesting of all calendar pieces is that issued for the World's Fair in 1853 by H. W. Sabin. It is a perpetual calendar

8. Hilary term in England is the first term of legal administration held by the high courts of justice. It begins on Jan. 11 and follows the custom of being named after the festival of the saint nearest its commencement (Saint Hilarius).

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Showing the Day of the Week for Any Date between 1700 and 2499

Table of Dominical Letters								Month					Dominical Letter											
Year of the Century		Centuries				January, October Feb., Mar., Nov. Jan., Apr., July May June February, August Sept., Dec.					A	B	C	D	E	F	G							
		1700, 2100	1800, 2200	1900, 2300	2000, 2400						D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
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0	*28	*56	*84	C	E	G	A	1	8	15	22	29	Su	Sa	F	Th	W	Tu	M					
1	29	57	85	B	D	F	G	2	9	16	23	30	M	Su	Sa	F	Th	W	Tu					
2	30	58	86	A	C	E	D	3	10	17	24	31	Tu	M	Su	F	Th	W	Tu					
3	31	59	87	G	B	D	F	4	11	18	25		W	Tu	M	Su	F	Th	W					
*4	*32	*60	*88	E	G	B	C	5	12	19	26		Th	W	Tu	M	Su	F	Th					
5	33	61	89	D	F	A	G	6	13	20	27		F	Th	W	Tu	M	Su	F					
6	34	62	90	C	B	E	D	7	14	21	28		Sa	F	Th	W	Tu	M	Su					
7	35	63	91	B	D	F	G																	
*8	*36	*64	*92	G	B	D	E																	
9	37	65	93	F	A	C	B																	
10	38	66	94	E	D	F	G																	
11	39	67	95	D	C	B	A																	
*12	*40	*68	*96	B	D	F	G																	
13	41	69	97	A	C	E	D																	
14	42	70	98	G	B	D	E																	
15	43	71	99	F	A	C	B																	
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19	47	75		A	C	E	D																	
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21	49	77		E	D	F	G																	
22	50	78		D	C	B	A																	
23	51	79		C	B	A	G																	
*24	*52	*80		A	C	E	F																	
25	53	81		G	B	D	E																	
26	54	82		F	A	C	B																	
27	55	83		E	D	F	G																	

Examples: On what day of the week did Jan. 5, 1891, fall? For 1891 the dominical letter is "D." After finding this letter opposite January in the upper right hand table, and running down that column until you are opposite "5" (the day of the month) you will find Monday. For Jan. 1, 1876, the dominical letter is "A" and under "A" in line with 1 is Saturday.

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About 1855 movable calendars were introduced in the United States. The use of hard rubber for calendars began in 1863. This use of a dated piece in hard rubber is interesting since it proves that hard rubber tokens could have circulated during the Civil War. In the 1890s engraved silver pocket calendars were issued, and even as late as 1954 movable aluminum advertising pieces are being issued. No attempt has been made to complete the series of calendars since 1940, but only the general types are shown.

It is presumed because of the scarcity of calendar pieces in Europe, outside of England, that their issuance there was not extensive. However, the Austrian mint began issuing a series of calendar medals in 1933 which still continues.

One of the fascinations and enjoyments obtained by a numismatist is the interesting history surrounding and represented by the pieces being collected. The collection of tokens and medals probably offers more such fascinations than most other types of coins. In the writers'

"for time past, present and to come," utilizing dominical letters. This type of perpetual calendar (see above) is still most commonly used today. It is quite similar to a medal of J. L. O'Connor of 1909, which utilizes the same principle.

To use this calendar, first find the Year of the Century and in line with that figure at the right in the proper column under the heading Centuries, will be found the Dominical Letter of the year. Then in the table headed Dominical Letter and in line with the proper month find the letter previously determined. Run down this column until you are in line with the proper day of the month and at the intersection you will find the day of the week. In leap year the dominical letters for January and February will be found in the lines where these months are printed in italics.

opinion, probably no type of such pieces is the result of greater historical science and controversial intrigue than the calendar medals. It is because of this fact that so much space has been given to the history of the calendar in conjunction with the presentation of these calendar medals.

So far as we know, there has been no comprehensive listing of calendar medals, at least in the English language. A medallic calendar is credited with starting one great American numismatist. W. Woodward, in his sale of 1884, states "A Medallic Calendar of 1799, given to me by my father before I was five years of age, first led me to collect coins." Apparently, Woodward collected calendars, and in the sale referred to, he sold 42 calendars as part of his collection. Dr. Wright lists a number of calendars in "American Store Cards." There are only scattered references to calendars in the sources we have used as listed in the bibliography.

The following listing is broken into four classifications: namely dates (D), name of person who issued (N), perpetuals with no name or dates (P), and specials (S) where some non-Christian calendars such

as the Aztec calendar and zodiac pieces are included. The size of pieces is given in the American system of 1/16ths.

The dated pieces (D) are arranged in order of dates, and numbered 1, 2, 3, etc., after the date. Named pieces (N) are arranged alphabetically under the main name, and the listing is by the first two letters of the proper name, with 1, 2, 3, under this for either varieties or issues with a similar proper name. The perpetual calendars (P) are listed according to size, with the smallest first, and numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. for varieties of the same size. Since often more than one name occurs on a single piece, an index giving all names is offered for convenience, along with a listing of pieces by dates (all types), a list by countries and cities, and an index of die-sinkers.

No mention of rarity of any calendar is made, since not enough duplicates have been seen to make any worth-while statements. The only pieces commonly met are some of those of J. B. Hyde of New York and Aaron White's calendar.

Undoubtedly many more calendars exist than those herein mentioned. We will be indebted to anyone bringing additional pieces to our attention.

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OBVERSE — Around outer edge. A PERPETUAL. • ALMANAC • OF EXCELLENT. • & READY • USE • divided in each of the four quadrants. In center in seven lines and nine rows, the first three lines numbers representing months and the balance five lines dates 1 through 31.



REVERSE — In outer series of squares above in outer and 1684 below in second circle EPACT. The outside circle is the days of the week repeated six times. The second is the set of numbers representing the epact.

Size 19. Metal silver. Plain edge.

(It is interesting to note the appearance of the word "epact" on an English calendar dated 1684. Supposedly the word epact was introduced with the Gregorian calendar, and should not have been used on a calendar of England prior to 1752. However, this does not prove to be the case. According to the *Oxford Dictionary*, the word epact was first used in the English language in 1552, where it appeared in an almanac table. Thus its use on English calendar medals prior to 1752 is not inconsistent with its early use in the 16th century. Of further interest, is the fact that epact has been used in two senses. It has been used, as defined previously, as the age in days of the moon on the first day of the year, now January 1. Also, it has been used to indicate the number of days the solar year exceeds the lunar year in twelve months. On this medal it is used in the first sense; that is to denote the age of the moon on the first of the year, which in the years referred to would be March 15.

(To be continued)

NUMISMATICS is the science which embraces the study of the current coins of all nations. In the wider, though less accurate, acceptance of the term it includes also that of medals, both artistic and historical. (B. V. Head of Chambers's *Encyclopedia*, 1891.)

YOUR CHILD AND COIN COLLECTING

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(A 1955 convention paper)

PROBABLY one of the most important assists that parents can give their youngster towards a well-balanced development would be to introduce one or more educational and meaningful hobbies. One of these could very well be that of coin collecting and if intelligently presented to him such a hobby could be the beginning of something which will provide him with many hours of relaxation such as he could not find elsewhere. Furthermore, as an afterthought, it is a fact that youngsters with hobbies tend to stay out of the delinquent ranks.

Suggesting to your youngster that he should start a coin collection can, if carelessly broached, be the "kiss of death" to his ever doing so, especially if you make it sound as though you just want him to get busy on something. The way in which the suggestion is made to him will probably determine whether he will look into such a hobby. Just as it's important that you shouldn't seat him in front of a pile of U. S. cents and demand that he look for a 1924-S mint, it's equally important that you don't allow him to go off completely on his own. A subtle approach is probably the best by far.

Needless to say that, initially, a cent to a growing youngster (even if it's an unc. 1909-S VDB cent) is merely the price of a piece of bubble gum. This will continue to be the case until he learns that a cent

can acquire something outside of its own intrinsic value — this is where you come in, dad. You, above all, will be one of the most dominating influences upon your youngster.

The entire procedure for introducing the coin collecting hobby to your youngster hinges upon a number of factors but there are several which are fundamental. These are as follows:

1. First of all, keep in mind that a hobby is not a chore but a pleasure.

2. The second major consideration is the fact that before a youngster will "take" to a hobby it *must* interest him. There must be sufficient interest to be able to compete with other potential or current interests.

3. The question of determining at what age a youngster will become interested in such a hobby is difficult to answer. This question can probably be answered by asking the question "what do you mean, become interested in such a hobby?" Is becoming interested the process of accumulating coins in a rather haphazard fashion at a relatively early age (say 9 years) or is it the process of collecting certain types and series of coins in an intelligent and systematic fashion at some other age (say 15 years)? Generally the youngster may start showing a genuine interest in coins after eight or nine years. For a reasonably active interest in coins plus a definitely structured direction in types and varieties the youngster may be about 14 or 15.

4. Keep in mind that the development of a desirable attitude towards coin collecting will generally depend upon the amount of interest the hobby holds for the youngster. The

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younger he is the shorter will be his span of attention. Furthermore, under certain circumstances there is very little which can be as uninteresting to him as, for example, a complete series of cents dated from 1909 to 1955 (all of them exactly alike with the exception of an occasional microscopic D, S, or VDB). If he does show an interest in such a set you had better be careful—he may be thinking about bubble gum.

5. If your youngster is under 10 or 11 (in some instances even older) avoid taking him to coin club meetings where a speaker will be present. Such talks are geared towards the adult and adult interests, they are not intended to interest a youngster. On the other hand, take him to all the coin displays and exhibits which you attend.

6. In the initial stages, be prepared to have your youngster go through the same wandering as you experienced (perhaps unknowingly) before concentrating on one series or type. This "wandering" is a natural sort of thing and will generally pass through at least two general stages, (a) "just kind of collecting" (this eventually will, in later years, make up the bulk of your so-called "junk") and, (b) a tendency, at least for awhile, to concentrate on "old" coins under the mistaken impression that these are the most valuable.

7. At the time that your youngster begins to show some interest in your own collection give him short and colorful descriptions about the coins, but don't overdo it. You might tell him about the mint marks and the mints, about the designer's initials, about the number that had been coined, and perhaps a little about condition. It is at this time that you can be highly instrumental in the development of the type of philosophy with which your youngster will enter the realms of coin collecting.

8. Start him out on his own collection as soon as you notice that he is beginning to accumulate a few coins of his own. There are several areas in which you might want to guide him and your "guidance" may have to be flavored with certain bits of your own reasoning such as, (a) start him on foreign coins because they are cheaper, (b) start him in proofs because it is a good long-term investment, or (c) start him on current U. S. coins because he can go through his own pocket change for the ones he needs. Point (c) has one particular aspect of consequence in that it provides you with the opportunity to develop within your youngster the awareness that coins do cost money. In the early stages of his collecting you might buy him a few basic starters but soon thereafter you should have him make his own purchases with his own money. This money can come from an allowance provided for him. The allowance should be such that he will have to save part of it in order to have an amount sufficient for purchasing the more expensive coins. The process of saving and then purchasing a coin (or anything) is a highly desirable lesson for a growing youngster.

9. Last but perhaps most important of all—remember that if you are erratic, slipshod, and careless in your coin collecting then your youngster will probably become erratic, slipshod and careless in his own coin hobby. He is going to learn his coin collecting attributes and faults from you.

These are but nine points of consideration which can guide you in assisting your youngster in developing a meaningful hobby. There are more which can be considered but by following the nine which have been outlined it is very probable that they will suffice.

Copper-Farthing Dean. Jonathan Swift was thus named. — Henry F. Reddall: *Fact, Fancy and Fable* (1889).

THE "SOUTHWEST EXPEDITION" MEDAL

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THE DEMOLITION of the First National Bank building in Colorado Springs in August, 1955, to make way for a new one disclosed some 4,000 "Southwest Expedition" or Pike medals of 50 years ago. These were turned over to the Historical Society of the Pikes Peak Region to help finance the sesquicentennial of 1956. This group enlisted the aid of the Pikes Peak Coin Club to direct the sale.

The Louisiana Purchase and the resultant expeditions of Zebulon Montgomery Pike are events in our history worthy of commemoration. The Pike centennial celebration in Colorado Springs, Sept. 23-29, 1906, had its inception in the organization of the Pike Monument Association in 1896. The original purpose was to erect a monument of Pike "of heroic size and in enduring bronze" and to "preserve, perpetuate and forever maintain said monument and historical data."

The following bill was introduced by Colorado Congressman-at-large Franklin E. Brooks and, after being amended to read that the treasury should be reimbursed for the actual medal cost and without designating a specific mint, was passed by congress shortly thereafter:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That for the purpose of aiding in securing a proper and adequate cele-

bration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Southwest Expedition of Lt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike and of the exploring of the territory of the Upper Arkansas Valley, including portions of the states of Kansas and Colorado and of the Territory of New Mexico, said celebration to be held at some proper place in the immediate vicinity of Pikes Peak, Colorado, in the year 1906, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to have prepared, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia two dies for medallions, of such design and size as may be designated by the Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and approved by him; and he shall have made and struck, at the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, from these dies such number of medallions out of silver and bronze, not to exceed 100,000, as may be requested by the said Memorial Association, the net proceeds from the sale of the said proposed medallions to be applied to the fund for the proposed celebration under the auspices of the said Memorial Association.

Sec. 2: That the material from which said proposed medallions are to be made shall be furnished by the director of the mint of the United States to the superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado, on or before the first day of March, 1906, in such amounts and in such proportions as the president of the said Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association may request, within the limits of cost provided by this bill, and the said superintendent of said mint at Denver, Colorado, shall deliver said

medallions so to be made to the said president of said Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association; and there is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act the sum of \$10,000 out of any funds of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

Exhaustive research under the direction of Philadelphia mint superintendent, Mrs. Rae V. Beister, discloses the number and type of pieces struck. The initial order, placed by Rep. Brooks on June 30, 1906, called for 2,000 bronze and 1,000 silver. Of these, 100 of each were to be mounted on blue and gold ribbon attached to pin-bar bearing the word COLORADO. Also 250 of the bronze medals were to be gold-plated, of which 100 were also to be mounted. Following the filling of this order Rep. Brooks writes: "Can-not you treat silver with french or gray finish resembling oxidized silver?" Subsequent orders were thus filled. On August 21, 3,000 each of bronze and silver were ordered "to be furnished with hanger for fob strap."

Mint records show the total struck as 6,250 bronze, 250 bronze with gold plate, and 4,450 silver.

The original order also specified: "Of these medals fitted with bar, we would like the first 25 of each marked with the serial number 1 to 25." No such numbered pieces have been turned up locally and it is thought they may have been distributed in Washington or handed out to visiting dignitaries attending the centennial celebration.

The 2,000 silver and 2,000 bronze now available were principally those with hangers, which have been carefully removed to make the medals more readily acceptable to collectors. It is estimated approximately half will be sold locally, leaving 1,000 in each metal for sale to other collectors.

Several designers were requested to submit drawings, including Mr. Pike, New York sculptor and nephew of the famous explorer, and Carl G. Lotave, artist. However, research by Gilroy Roberts, mint engraver, uncovers a letter dated April 23, 1906, from Engraver Charles E. Barber, stating "Sketches prepared for proposed medal . . ." Again from Barber and dated June 14, to Hon. Franklin E. Brooks: "I take pleasure in notifying you that I am now ready to execute your order as soon as I receive the official instruction from the Mint Bureau."

The medal is the size of a \$20 gold piece and with plain edge, and bears on the obverse a bust of Pike in army uniform. Around edge, ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE - 1779-1813 enclosed in beaded circle. Reverse, Pikes Peak. In exergue PIKE'S PEAK. Around edge: SOUTHWEST EXPEDITION - COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - COLORADO 1806-1906.

Newspaper articles of the day, promoting the medal sale, cautioned buyers to obtain only the genuine, authorized medal, stating others are being palmed off on the uninformed. One such piece was found in the collection of Dr. Philip Whiteley of Denver. In bronze, it bears on the obverse a small-head bust of Pike facing left with larger lettering reading ZEBULON PIKE CENTENNIAL; below SEPT. 1906 separated by stars. Reverse is smaller view of Pikes Peak through gateway rocks with, above in two lines, PIKES PEAK ALTITUDE 14147 FT. Below in two lines DISCOVERED NOV. 1806 BY GENL. ZEBULON PIKE.

C. Robert Taylor, 1517 N. Foote Ave., president of the Pikes Peak Coin Club, is in charge of national sales.

The United States dime is a popular coin in El Salvador, circulating with a value of 25 centavos. It is equivalent to the highest denomination issued there.

The United States mint redeemed and melted 187 silver 3¢ pieces during the year 1952.

OKLAHOMA-KANSAS CONVENTION

The eighth annual convention of the Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association met Oct. 15-16 in the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla., with 149 registered collectors. Nine states and Canada were represented. Next year's meeting will be in Wichita, Kans.

Officers elected for 1956 are Roy Osburn, president; W. H. Elliott, vice president; Glenn Johnson, W. F. Betz and C. R. Ross, directors. The newly appointed secretary is Merrill Younkin, Wichita, Kans.

Exhibit awards went to J. H. Ashly, Merrill Younkin (U. S. coins);

Dr. J. Lhotka, Roy Osburn (ancient coins); Morris Loenwenstern, Claude Farwell (paper currency); Paul Kagin (educational exhibit); F. K. Saab, Lewis Reagan (foreign coins); C. R. Ross, R. Z. Carlisle (odd and curious); O. L. Harvey (pioneer gold); P. K. Anderson, W. G. Miller (specialized money); Pam Deeble, Virginia Deeble (original exhibits), and A. E. Erwin, M. C. Sauer (tokens and souvenir money). Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary of the A.N.A., was commissioned an Oklahoma "Colonel" on the staff of the state governor.



New officers and directors of the Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association are, left to right, W. F. Betz, El Dorado, Kans., director; C. R. Ross, Okmulgee, Okla., director; Roy W. Osburn, Wichita, Kans., president; and W. H. Elliott, Tulsa, Okla., vice president. Glenn Johnson, Salina, Kans., director, was absent when picture was taken.

Notes & Queries

Iowa Convention

One of the best conventions of the Iowa Numismatic Association was held in the Ft. Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, November 19 and 20. Host was the Des Moines Coin Club, and Charles W. Delk, president, Harold E. Baker, vice president, and Richard G. Ballard, secretary-treasurer, along with club members, should be credited with the planning that brought about such a successful gathering.

A registration of 137 plus an uncounted number of nonregistrants resulted in a banquet attendance of 103. Fifteen dealers made up the bourse and were well patronized. From the well-lighted array of exhibits by 38 exhibitors, six were selected for awards, alphabetized as follows: T. J. Barnes, Norwalk, Ia.; Dudley C. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Louis De Long, New London, Ia.; William R. Fisher, Rolfe, Ia.; Glenn B. Smedley, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Georgette E. Tyre, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Federal Coin Exchange conducted the auction.

At the business session, all officers were re-elected: Burton H. Saxton, president; James Cowden, 1st vice

president; Keith Prizer, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Laurent, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Louis L. DeLong, librarian; Milton Radke, Lauren Benson, W. E. Van Hook, James C. Page, Arnold B. Skromme and Charles I. Altman, directors. Next year's convention was awarded to Davenport, Ia.

Steel Cases for Sale

Subscription lists for steel exhibit cases similar to those at the A.N.A. but with improved locks and brace arms, will be open to individuals and clubs until March 15. Prices are \$16.50 for a single case, \$15.00 each in lots of 10, or \$14.00 each in lots of 25. The A.N.A. committee handling the orders is composed of M. H. Jackson, chairman, I. T. Kopicki and M. V. Sheldon. For details, see advertisement in this issue.

The Shilling in New York

Dear Editor:

The use of English monetal denominations on New York tokens, about which the Messrs. Fuld inquire, has little relation to Great Britain. In the colonies the paper money varied in value. But in New York, by the early 19th century a shilling meant 12½ cents. This was of course the exact equivalent of the eighth part of a Mexican dollar, called elsewhere a bit, much in circulation here. The "shilling" was hence a very convenient term, and continued in use even into the present century, at least in the Fulton fish market. My teacher, the late David Proskey, the celebrated coin dealer, occasionally used the term, and explained it to me.

— THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
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New York 28, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., Exhibit

Paul F. Klaasesz is exhibiting about three-fourths of his collection of 20th century foreign coins as part of the centennial celebration of the Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, 284 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., for two weeks starting Jan. 5. John Davenport has written a booklet on the display.

Nebraska Organizes State Group

On December 3, 1955, the Lincoln Coin Club held its second annual ladies night at the Cotner Terrace

RECEIVES AWARD



Left to right, C. H. Ryan, Louis Werner, Mrs. J. Hewitt Judd and Dr. Judd, former A. N. A. president, at the presentation of the Farran Zerbe memorial award to Dr. Judd in Chicago Oct. 29, 1955.

(Photo by F. Stevens Epps.)

Restaurant, Lincoln, Neb. A special invitation had been extended to coin collectors of the state of Nebraska to meet with the club for the purpose of organizing a Nebraska state group. Among visitors present were Lewis Reagan, secretary of the A.N.A., who outlined other organizations of this type; Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, immediate A.N.A. past president, and Mrs. Judd; Raymond Larsen, president of the Omaha Coin Club, and Mrs. Larsen. Martin E. Burgess is president of the Lincoln club. Fifty-four were present at this meeting. The Nebraska Numismatic Association was organized and patterned after the Kansas-Oklahoma Numismatic Association. John J. Gabarron served as temporary chairman, and later Elmer G. Nelson was elected as the president. He in turn appointed John J. Gabarron to serve as his secretary.

Salesmanship

Occasionally, age old coin collecting promotions and projects are pulled from the mothballs, dusted off, and used once again to recruit new members for the numismatic fraternity.

One of the latest instances of this occurred during the Halloween season when Tom Ross, through his trade name of Tom's Stamp & Coin Service, Norwalk, Conn., prepared and distributed introductory coin collecting packets.

Based on the most convenient starting point for a prospective collector, the Lincoln cent, each packet contained both the 1909-P V.D.B. and 1955-S cents; the challenging theme being "... you now have the first and last issue of this series . . . how long will it take you to complete the collection?" The packets were received with favorable comments, and surplus packets were divided among several local banks for further distribution to interested persons.

No Such Thing

Dear Sir:

On page 1247 of *The Numismatist* for November, I see listed as No. 71 of "Pan-American Rarities," a "Proclamation Dollar 1790 of Los Angeles (California)"! As a matter of fact, said piece is not a coin at all, but a medal that has nothing to do with Los Angeles, Calif., where Charles IV was never proclaimed. It refers to the proclamation of that king in the city of Puebla, which was known in vice-regal times as Puebla de los Angeles. Hence the word *angelopolit* or *angelo-*

politana, shown on several medals of Puebla.

— MANUEL ROMERO DE
TERREROS, Marques de
San Francisco
Durango 179
Mexico City

Penn-Ohio Convention

The fall convention of the Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs was held November 13th and 14th at the Mansfield-Leland Hotel in Mansfield, Ohio. The convention was sponsored by the Mansfield Stamp and Coin Club with Robert Campbell as general chairman.

The show, with the cooperation of a fine Indian-Summer weekend, turned out to be what was possibly the best of the long Penn-Ohio history, reflecting the constant upsurge of interest in numismatics. The registry included 219 names from within and beyond the usual Penn-Ohio area. Twenty-six dealers constituted the bourse and a two-day auction of 1,400 lots was conducted by French. The Saturday banquet was attended by 102.

Judges of the exhibits were: Michael Kolman, Jr., Dr. John Wild, and Thomas Morrison. Award winners were: senior division, first, Dr. Gaston DiBello, Eggertsville, N. Y., English 5-guinea gold; second, Dr. Y. A. Sargis, Cleveland, Ohio, large-size U. S. currency; third, A. J. Croshier, Cleveland, Ohio, freaks and errors in small-size U. S. currency; fourth, Leo M. Thomas, Ashland, Ohio, U. S. gold and silver types; honorable mention: Thomas Morrison, Butler, Pa., paper money and autographed currency.

Junior division, first, David Solomon, Mansfield, world map completely bordered with foreign coinage; second, Irwin Meyers, Mansfield, presidential medals; honorable mention, Thomas Shenberger, Mansfield, U. S. minor coins.

Collector-Dealer Relationship

Dear Sir:

I note with much anxiety the problem of J. P. Mitchell, A.N.A. 16875, "On Dealers," pages 1198-1199 of the November issue of *The Numismatist*. We know all dealers are not bad. Most of them are doing a swell job, but I too have found the same trouble as Mr. Mitchell, that the low-priced pieces that are mostly bait are always sold out before my order gets in and a small refund is returned with the balance of the coins.

I have found this to be true, also; if one will stick with the A.N.A. mem-

ber and deal with him in preference to some of the nonmembers or fly-by-night fellows, he will have less trouble.

Frequently, the nonmember will not send your successful bid without first receiving the money and then if you are not satisfied, well, you may have a time getting your money back. The established dealer and member usually does not hesitate in sending your coins and usually will give you several days to inspect them. Then, if you are not satisfied you can send them back and that's that. However, if you decide to keep the coins be the gentleman he thinks you are and send him his money pronto.

—W. L. FREEDLUN
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Monterey, Calif.

Dear Editor:

I would like to answer the letter of J. P. Mitchell, who appeared in the November issue. While there is some merit in what he says, I do not understand why he does not order the one coin in an advertisement that is far under-priced, without sending an order for any of the other items. Then if the bargain is sold, he will get his check back immediately. Dealers do not like to underprice material, as that is one method of losing customers due to their being dissatisfied at not receiving the item ordered, plus a big bill for postage, due to a steady flow of refunds.

There are many new dealers, part-time dealers and collectors who are disposing of their duplicates, who honestly do not know how to price coins. They follow the catalog only and as we all know, many coins are worth half catalog only and some are worth two or three times catalog. It is impossible to keep a complete stock of the scarce or rare dates or have them replaced the way one orders groceries or clothes. When a dealer runs an advertisement, most of the time he has only one of each of the scarce items in stock and those are usually the ones which everyone orders. When a collector receives a refund, he feels that the dealer never had the item in the first place, when usually the true story is that he had a dozen orders for the same item. This is just as annoying to the dealer as to the collector. He has to advertise to sell and yet finds it difficult to fill orders when he gets them. Mr. Mitchell tells the collector's viewpoint, but did he ever think of the dealer?

The dealer has, among his customers, the switch artist, who orders your

coin, immediately puts it in his own collection to replace an inferior one, and returns the inferior coin to you without an explanation. The "look-see" artist orders 20 to 200 coins on approval and returns every one, also without explanation. Then there is the customer who sends postcards saying "enclosed find cash or check; please ship immediately," or the one who always threatens to put a dealer out of business because he cannot see the "L" on the ribbon, when the true fact is that he does not know how to find the "L," or the collector who buys coins and is satisfied with the price and condition for a number of years and then after buying a \$5 coin, sees the same things advertised for \$3.50 and immediately decides he has been robbed for many years and will not listen to any explanation.

In spite of all this, the relationship between the dealer and collector on the whole is one of friendship and happy business dealings.

—MAURICE M. GOULD
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Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.

On Chinese Coinage

Dear Editor:

It is instructive to discuss certain Chinese silver coins from (a) the cultural and (b) the numismatic points of view. Since the 1914 Yuan Shih-kai dollar and the 1927 Sun-Yat-sen dollar are the commonest, the two coins are most frequently met with as having served as modest wedding presents. Their purpose as such is testified by a bright-red character (made of paper) pasted on the reverse side of the coin. It is the ideogram of "double Hsi" signifying happiness.

Let us first view the cultural aspects: Coins in that garb are presented by underprivileged relatives of the bridal couple on the occasion of the wedding. It would be a bad omen to tender the coins in odd numbers. Therefore, the giver will send either two silver dollars with "double Hsi" pasted on or, if he is too poor, he will present one such coin plus a copper cent. All wedding presents are handled by the groom's mother, and coins presented soon are expended for daily necessities. A dollar piece with the bright-red character "Hsi," when in traffic, has its value with or without its adhesive.

The numismatic aspects of such dressed silver coins are nil. I have repeatedly observed in auction catalogs issued in America that the cheap silver dollars referred to (the real

value of each, naked, is one dollar) were listed as worth five and more dollars, because the "double Hsi" was pasted on the reverse. Such insinuations on the part of dealers are either crass ignorance, or else a racket. Unwary collectors should not be "taken for a ride." The bright-red ideogram has nothing to do with the mint or the government. It was affixed by a pauperized relative, who—at least some years ago—purchased about five such paper letters in a Shanghai oil shop for less than an American cent. The identical congratulatory paper symbol can be obtained in Chinatown of San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, etc., at a nickel for 3 to 6 "Hsis"; and they can "authentically" be affixed by anybody in this country. But there never was—or is—any numismatic value attached to such subterfuges.

— EDWARD KANN
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Los Angeles 46, Calif.

Altered 1914-D Cents

Dear Editor:

I read the article in the November *Numismatist* about the Texas man changing 1944-D cents into 1914-D dates. It doesn't seem to me that anyone who was careful would be fooled by this trick on account of the much wider space between the nine and the one on the altered coins than is to be found on the real 1914-D issue. At any rate, I believe that a person found doing this should be punished.

— EDWARD C. HAMM
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Arcade, N. Y.

Collection Stolen

The residence of Stanley S. Hawley, Oakland, Calif., was burglarized during Thanksgiving weekend, while the family was out of town, and an entire collection of ancient Greek coins was stolen. Included were coins of Lydia, Persia, Ephesus, Samos, Phocæa, Abdera, Thebes, Corinth, Aegina, Syracuse, Agrigento (Acragas), Zancle, Tarentum, Metapontum, and Neapolis. There was also a set of nine Athenian coins ranging from tetradrachm down to the $\frac{1}{4}$ obol. In addition, United States proof sets of 1953, 1954, and 1955 were taken, plus 1954 and 1955 rolls. Any information concerning these coins should be forwarded to the Police Department, Oakland, California.

Pieces of Eight

Dear Editor:

May I refer to the recent publication by the American Numismatic Society: a collation of utmost importance by R. I. Nesmith entitled "The Coinage of the First Mint of the Americas at Mexico City 1536-1572." I believe this extraordinary research work will have profound effects on the entire Spanish-American series whence has stemmed the dollar of the U.S.A. With an original formula established it is now possible to trace sequence of coinage in undated material; to verify the earliest "piece-of-eight" extant. Those interested also may refer to illustration No. 1043 of the Schulman catalog, sale of Nov. 19, 1955.

I have started a compilation of such known pieces for further study and will share results with all who care to cooperate.

— ARNOLD PERPALL
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New York 17, N. Y.

Bullowa's Auction Prices

Some highlights of prices realized in Bullowa's auction of Nov. 12, 1955, are:

50¢ 1884 br pf toned	\$14.50
50¢ 1890 br pf gem	19.00
50¢ 1905 pf toned	17.00
Scotland 40 shillings 1699 f....	7.00
Greco-Roman lead and clay tesserae, 33 pcs	11.00
Philippines 1903 proof set, 7 pcs	7.75
Indian peace medal, James Madison, bronze xf	7.50
Poseidonia stater 5th cent. B.C. vf-xf	15.00
Caulonia 4th cent. B.C. stater vf	17.00
Leontini 466-422 B.C. Apollo head, choice vf	55.00
Caligula-Augustus denarius, f	12.00
U. S. cent 1803 S256 choice....	250.00
U. S. 2¢ 1873 pf	66.00
Utah 1849 \$5 Mormon f-vf edge bruises	75.00
Humbert 1852 \$10 884 thous f-vf rev die break.....	100.00

George Washington in Trouble

A United Press story recently stated that George Washington, Jr., 16, faces a prison term for stealing a nickel. Washington, on probation from a boys' industrial school, was accused of stealing the coin from Elmer Ray. But it was no ordinary five cent piece he took. The coin was an 1882 Liberty head pattern.

Australia Welcomes You

Dear Sir:

Conscious of the fact that the 1956 games of the XVIth Olympiad are to be held in our capital city, Melbourne, commencing on November 22, and anticipating that many of your fellow-countrymen, members of your great association, will be visiting our city for those events, it is with great pleasure that we extend an invitation to visiting numismatists to meet our members during their sojourn in Australia. Any visiting member, who so desires, will on making contact with me be advised of the dates of our meetings and, if necessary, contacts arranged for them. It would be appreciated, if you could publish this in your journal as a welcoming message from one of your Australian member societies.

— W. E. CURRAN, Hon. Sec.
Numismatic Assn. of Victoria
83 Barkly St.
St. Kilda, Melbourne
Australia

Off-Center Coins

Dear Editor:

In my possession is about the farthest off-center dime I have seen. The coin was located by a friend of mine when he went to cash his check. The party ahead of him in line received the coin from a sack of 1954-D dimes. He protested that the proprietor of the store was trying to put something over on him and insisted that he get another dime. My friend quickly told him to keep it and he would give him a little extra for it. All that is visible is the top of Roosevelt's head and a few letters of AMERICA on the reverse.

I have been collecting coins for 16 years (ever since I was nine) and to get some variety I was looking for something else to collect. A few years ago I bought some freaks from a dealer and soon became interested in collecting unusual strikes. As yet I have to get a double strike which is much harder to find than the off-center coins. Equally as hard to find are coins that are struck in off-metal. I find that the freaks are the items that interest the noncollector the most.

— MAURICE M. MELAMED
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California Auction Prices

The following are some of the outstanding prices realized at the California State Numismatic convention

auction conducted by Leo A. Young in San Diego Nov. 10-13, 1955.

22 Hawaii Commem.	\$97.50
58 1936 proof set	185.00
114 1877 Indian cent unc.	72.00
136 1796 25¢ Very fine	215.00
282 1795 \$10 gold	201.00
345 1776 Continental \$1	112.00
381 1877 Shield 5¢	131.00
658 \$10 Refunding Certificate VF	225.00
780 1796 50¢ VF	505.00
962 \$50 Gold slug	715.00
1024 1856 Large cent Pf.	80.00
1025 1856 F. E. Pf.	415.00
1028 1856 Dime proof	70.00
1030 1856 50¢ Pf.	100.00
1040 1857 50¢ Pf.	90.00
1056 1838 Gobrecht \$1	595.00
1057 1839 Gobrecht \$1	480.00
1066 1851 \$1 Pf.	615.00
1067 1852 \$1 Pf.	410.00
1068 1858 \$1 Pf.	345.00
1191 1914-D Cent unc.	98.00
1209 1879 \$4 Stella	840.00
1211 Type set commems.	637.50
1213 Confederate 50¢	128.00
1303 1861-D Gold \$1	407.50
1916 1949-S roll 10¢ unc.	115.00
1919 1950-S Roll 10¢ unc.	97.50

What Others Publish

The December, 1955, issue of *Steelways* carries a story on George Le Vind, whom the author, Richard Cheney, calls "dean of American engravers." Mr. Le Vind has been employed by Black, Starr and Gorham or its predecessors, for 58 years.

Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin*, November, 1955, has continuations of H. G. Stride's "The Royal Mint." H. A. Seaby's "A Numismatic Directory of Europe," and Dr. Robert Gobl's "Sasanian Coins"; also questions and answers, letters to the editor, societies, price list.

Spink's *Numismatic Circular*, November, 1955, offers a continuation of W. J. W. Potter's "Coinage of Florence," and short articles by C. C. Vermeule ("A Study for a Portrait Medallion"), R. H. M. Dolley ("A Note on the Mythical Mint of Dunwich"), F. Pridmore ("Hong Kong Emergency Currency Notes"); price list.

Calcoin News, November, 1955, reports on the 17th CSNA semi-annual convention, prints Mrs. Harry Cutler's "Days of '49," Lesley G. Lodge's "Trends in Standard Issue Coins," California numismatic who's who (John C. Yribarne), and club news.

Numismatic Scrapbook, Nov. 20, 1955, has the usual features by Arlie Slabaugh, Edward Weikert, Earl C.

Brown, A. Kosoff, John S. Davenport and Col. James W. Curtis; Robert H. Lloyd's "Importance of Serial Numbers on Currency to Note Collectors," and C. M. Fink's "Silver and Gold Empires of the Conquistadors."

CNA Bulletin, November 1955, contains Canadian club reports, an address by retiring president L. J. P. Brunet, and continues an article on the bank of Nova Scotia.

Off the press is Michael Grant's *Roman Imperial Money*, 324 pages and 40 plates, published by Barnes and Noble, New York.

The Lancaster, Pa., *Daily Intelligencer Journal* of Nov. 5, 1955, published a lengthy story on a counterfeit gang that operated there around the turn of the century. The author is Joseph T. Kingston, a staff writer.

The *American Journal of Archaeology*, July, 1955, carried a story by D. B. Thompson on the "Portrait of Arsinoe Philadelphos," and one by P. Amandry, "Medaillon en or du musee de Providence."

"Maria Theresa Dollar" by Leonard Crown appeared in the September, 1955, issue of *History Today*.

The *American Historical Review*, July, 1955, included "Henry Clay, the Bank, and the West in 1824" by H. R. Stevens.

Price Lists

Old Pueblo Coin Shop, list No. 15. U. S. and foreign gold, U. S. proof sets, Leshner dollars, commemoratives, U. S. silver dollars and minor coins, paper currency, Maundy money, Washington pieces, foreign crowns.

Bullowa's December, 1955, coin list. U. S. coins, Greek coins, Roman coins, orders and decorations, crowns, books, ancient and foreign gold.

Copley Coin Co. December, 1955, list. U. S. coins, colonials, large cents, ancient, crowns, Canadian and Newfoundland coins.

Numismatic Fine Arts list No. 17. Group of scarabs, Greek silver and bronze coins, Roman colonial silver and bronze coins, medals, crowns, books.

Benj. Du Bose Nov. 28, 1955, list. Coins, paper money, medals, stamps, curios, documents.

Kosoff Results

A. Kosoff's November 8 auction of the Collins-Dunham-Williams collection of Confederate currency attracted many record bids. If this trend continues, Confederate notes may bring face value, or more, when sold to

collectors. For instance, a \$5.00 bill sold for \$200.00. Another group, 10 pieces of \$2.00 notes, sold for \$230.00, and a group of 10 \$1.00 notes brought \$200.00. Worth face value? A lot more, apparently. Other highlights of the sale were: \$1.00 Educational note, which brought \$35.00; \$5.00 1870 California National Gold Bank note, \$270.00; Panama Pacific \$50.00 round, \$1675.00; 1895-O dime, \$385.00; 1878-S half dollar, \$560.00; first issue postage currency 50¢ with small perforations, \$210.00; second issue postage currency, 50¢ w/o surcharge, \$182.50; fractional currency shield, gray background, \$225.00.

Florida Collectors Organize

Coin collectors of Florida met in Clearwater November 28th through December 3rd, 1955, and completed the organization of a state association. The official name selected was Florida United Numismatists. Early in the week temporary officers were elected and temporary committees appointed. At a business meeting December 3rd tentative constitution and by-laws were adopted and permanent officers elected. The officers were instructed to proceed to incorporate the body and make such changes in the by-laws as were necessary.

The following were elected as first officers of the association: R. L. Hendershott, president, West Coast Hotel, Clearwater; Douglas Brown, first vice president; Jack Sweetman, second vice president; Harper Mercer, secretary-treasurer, 314 Magnolia, Clearwater; H. A. Brand, chairman of the board, and board members Harley Freeman, Maurice Finman, Leo H. LeSan, Otto Sghia. Time and place of the next meeting will be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

Several hundred including some juniors interested in coin collecting attended this meeting and 72 were signed as charter members. Applications are now being received from collectors interested in becoming regular members. Dues for all members are \$1.00 per year.

There were several interesting exhibits and spirited trading took place around 13 bourse tables and between amateur collectors. The meeting was pronounced an outstanding success by dealers and collectors alike. It was voted that as soon as incorporated, the association would apply for membership in the American Numismatic Association.

Auction Results

Some of the highlights of Mark M. Salton-Schlessinger's 23rd auction are:

53. Oxford Unite 1643 (Ex Murdoch Coll.)	\$115.00
78. Scotland ½ Darien pistole 1701	72.00
103. Avignon Pope Julius II ecu d'or	130.00
201. Bavaria Double Maximilian d'or 1717	310.00
218. Mining ducat EX AURO ANHALTINO	140.00
336. Shrewsbury pound piece 1642	210.00
699. Athens Tetradrachm of the "New Style"	70.00
705. Mithradates I 120-63 B.C. Tetradrachm, Ex Spencer Churchill Collection	210.00
708. Cyzicus Tetradrachm. Ex Hermitage Coll.	450.00

Close to 300 bid sheets were received, more than three-quarters of which successful. Participation was

from five continents, and some bid sheets came from such out-of-the-way points as Java, Tasmania, Northern Rhodesia. Many rarities established new record prices, but as always there were quite a number of bargains to be had.

Bolender Sale

The 189th auction of M. H. Bolender, held Oct. 7, 1955, resulted in these prices selected from the 1502 lots sold:

1874 \$2 L. T. fine	\$100.00
1880 \$50.00 S. C. abt. fine	210.00
1899 \$2.00 S. C. unc. Napier-Thompson	120.00
1923 \$10.00 L. T. unc.	115.00
1933 \$10.00 S. C. unc.	127.50
Feb. 20, 1790, 3-pence note, Corp. of City of N. Y. fine	28.00
Unc. set Washington quarters.	130.00
\$1.00 1903-S unc.	28.00
1886 50¢ br. pf.	70.00
1893 Isabella 25¢ pf.	52.50
1804 U. S. \$10.00 gold xf	162.50

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED, BY MINTS, DURING OCTOBER, 1955

Denomination	Philadelphia	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER				
Half dollars	\$ 15,483.00		\$ 15,483.00	30,966
Quarter dollars	496,741.50		496,741.50	1,986,966
Dimes	3,096.60		3,096.60	30,966
Total Silver	\$ 515,321.10		\$ 515,321.10	2,048,898
MINOR				
Five-cent pieces	\$ 1,547.10		\$ 1,547.10	30,942
One-cent pieces	482,009.42	\$738,550.00	1,220,559.42	122,055,942
Total Minor	\$ 483,556.52	\$738,550.00	\$1,222,106.52	122,086,884
Total Domestic Coinage	\$ 998,877.62	\$738,550.00	\$1,737,427.62	124,135,782

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	No. of Pieces
Philadelphia	Dominican Republic	Silver	1 Peso	35,000

CUMULATIVE U. S. MINT REPORT FOR 1955, JANUARY TO OCTOBER, INCLUSIVE

(Giving the number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	2,745,992		
Quarter dollars	18,135,992		3,182,400
Dimes	12,698,992	18,510,000	6,726,000
Five cents	8,135,835		74,464,100
One cents	223,522,835	44,610,000	401,067,500

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

In order that this Calendar be as complete as possible, secretaries of State or Regional Organizations should advise the General Secretary of future meetings which should be included.

Inquiries, further information, or reservations should be sent to official indicated.

Numismatic Association of Southern California. First annual convention. February 17 to 19, 1956. New Hotel Clark, Los Angeles 13, Calif. Harold F. Donald, Secretary, 19221 Oxnard St., Tarzana, Calif.

National Coin Week. April 16-22, 1956.

Central States Numismatic Society. Fourteenth annual convention. Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Ind. April 27, 28 and 29, 1956. Ray R. Fiscus, General Chairman, 1833 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis 1, Ind. Earl C. Brown, Secretary, 7005 S. Norman Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill.

Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention. May 4 to 6, 1956. Park Sheraton Hotel. Harold S. Bareford, 321 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y.

American Numismatic Association. Sixty-fifth annual convention. Aug. 22-25, 1956. Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Glenn B. Smedley, General Chairman, 7644 Essex Ave., Chicago 49, Ill.

Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association. Annual convention. Oct. 6, 7, 1956. Ft. Collins, Colo. Herman L. Boraker, Secy., Box 204, Rocky Ford, Colo.

Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association. Ninth annual convention. Oct. 13-14, 1956. Broadview Hotel, Wichita, Kansas.

Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Fourth annual convention. Oct. 26-28, 1956. Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Eldridge G. Jones, Secretary, 4228 19th St., N.E., Washington 18, D. C.

American Numismatic Association. Sixty-sixth annual convention. Aug. 20-24, 1957. Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Arthur Sipe, General Chairman, 4021 Bonsall Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

Report of the General Secretary

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

Applicants numbered 24783-24902 as published in the November issue have been admitted to membership.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications were received in November 1955. If there are no objections filed prior to February 1, 1956, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the March 1956 issue.

- 25027 C. J. Gregg, Box 69, Globe, Arizona. U. S. Coins. L. R. Noves.
- 25028 Albert Guenzburger, 217 Linden Ave., Ithaca, New York, 20th century coins in circulation. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25029 Walter E. Onderko, 303 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia 34, Penn. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25030 George B. Watson, Box 1099, Rocky Mount, N. C. General. E. B. Benedict, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25031 Etienne Delage, 202 Boulevard Mallet, Casablanca, Maroc. General. Eugene Agricole.
- 25032 Damon S. Diomandes, 41 Park Holm, Newport, R. I. U. S. Coins. Robert H. Bouzerman, George Kutsaftis.
- 25033 John J. Braun, Jr., Route 1, Box 103, Caledonia, Wisconsin. Unc. and Proof, U. S., Roman and Modern Foreign. R. S. Yeoman.
- 25034 Application withdrawn.
- 25035 Harold P. Trimbee, 1 William St., Weston, Ontario, Canada. British Milled, Canadian. Norman Mason.
- 25036 S. C. Townsend, P. O. Box 71, Valdese, N. C. General. Floyd P. Hazelwood.
- 25037 Cleveland Coin Club, Chester Slaughter, 920 Ocoee St., S.W., Cleveland, Tenn. C. A. Brownell, Roy Langwitt, George Martin.
- 25038 Clarence W. Wise, Spiceland, Indiana. U. S. small and silver coins. Leo G. Terry, Jack Hutchison, Ray Turner.
- 25039 Robert B. Farnsworth, 1818 2nd Ave., North, Great Falls, Montana. U. S. Coins. C. R. Dawley.

- 25040 **Ray Atkinson**, 14503 Loomis Ave., Harvey, Ill. U. S. coins and paper money. Elmer B. Ray, H. V. Olive.
- 25041 **Lloyd C. Phillips**, 710 W. 16th, Sedalia, Missouri. General. W. B. Hert, Jr.
- 25042 **Gerald G. Cain**, 1815 S. Beacon, Sedalia, Missouri. General. W. B. Hert, Jr.
- 25043 **Robert J. Schoeck**, 220 Verbena Ave., Floral Park, N. Y. Silver dollars and ancient Roman and Greek coins. Robert Cohn.
- 25044 **Slater H. Wilson**, P. O. Box 583, Pueblo, Colo. U. S. General. A. C. Overton.
- 25045 **Dr. C. Dean Monroe**, 1106 S. Colgate, Perryton, Texas. U. S. Coins. Dr. Roy K. Sanford, Maxine C. Fraser.
- 25046 **C. E. Stewart**, 66 Neyland, Houston 22, Texas. U. S. Coins. Arthur Montgomery, William E. Powell.
- 25047 **Russell L. Ambrose**, 7669 Marvin Rd., Millington, Tenn. U. S. coins and currency. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25048 **Ivan Her**, 17690 Inkster Road, Detroit 19, Michigan. Gold coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25049 **Mrs. Oscar Schmidt**, 11 Oak Hill Dr., Box 56, Edwardsville, Illinois. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Wm. Martin, Leo Dustman.
- 25050 **Mrs. Bernice Dowe Bossert**, 7831 Frontenac St., Philadelphia 11, Penn. U. S. Coins. Leonel C. Panosh.
- 25051 **Mauret Salvesen**, 230 Country Club Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas. General U. S. G. B. Diamond, Conrad P. Hooves, Yvonne Salvesen.
- 25052 **Robert E. Rigby**, 6040 Aberdeen Dr., Littleton, Colo. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25053 **Ed Chapman**, Box 402, Bristow, Oklahoma. Proof sets, Mint sets, commemorative half dollars. W. F. Betz.
- 25054 **F. Paul Biery**, 505 Park Ave., New Cumberland, Penn. Lincoln head, commemorative half dollars. Proof sets. G. F. Flinchbaugh, Samuel A. Levin.
- 25055 **Malcolm W. Chandler**, 62 Spruce St., No. Attleboro, Mass. U. S. Coins. H. M. Grant, Clarence E. Greene, Ernest A. Grant.
- 25056 **Betty Jane Sedgwick**, 107 Snell Hall, O.S.C., Corvallis, Oregon. Canadian and U. S. Coins. Arnold Thorson, Leonard Nelson.
- 25057 **Wilbert G. Bailey**, 19 Ward St., Randolph, Mass. U. S. Coins. James E. Taylor.
- 25058 **Joseph J. Goldberg**, 225 W. 4th St., Los Angeles 13, Cal. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25059 **C. M. Bailey**, 209 East 5th St., Watsonville, Calif. U. S. Small Coins. L. E. Bailey.
- 25060 **Frankfort Numismatic Club**, Frank W. Sower, Secy., 217 St. Clair St., Frankfort, Kentucky. C. O. Ellison.
- 25061 **Carl W. Pannicke**, 122 Grove St., Clifton, N. J. Commemorative halves. Leon S. Rosenblum.
- 25062 **Ronald R. Thompson**, 8470-C Beechwood Ave., South Gate, Calif. U. S. Canadian and Mexico. Peter B. Mastel.
- 25063 **John E. D'Arcy**, 1215 Lujan St., Santa Fe, New Mexico. U. S. General and Gold coins. Henry Mishkin.
- 25064 **Willard E. Thorn**, 1758 Millerwood Drive, New Albany, Indiana. General Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25065 **Mrs. Bessie Herron Kenney**, 3308 East Sevilla Circle, Tampa 9, Florida. U. S. Coins. Murray L. Booth, Albert Rosenberg.
- 25066 **Mrs. Agnes G. Mullins**, 149 Warrenton Ave., Hartford, Conn. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25067 **Dr. Mildred Bredesen**, 310 N. Cedar St., Glendale 6, Calif. U. S. Coins. M. M. Finman.
- 25068 **Meredith E. Morgan**, P. O. Box 26, Pratt Station, Brooklyn 5, N. Y. Proof and Unc. U. S. Coins. Joseph J. Magarevo, Alexis Kulick.
- 25069 **Mrs. Margaret A. Jensen**, 509 W. 5th St., Julesburg, Colo. General. LaVonne E. Linton, Wilma G. Lytle.
- 25070 **Harold F. Colley**, W216 Broadway, Moses Lake, Wash. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25071 **Jack E. Machan**, 112 E. Theo Ave., San Antonio 4, Texas. U. S. Coins. Albin J. Mitula.
- 25072 **Gilbert A. Sloan**, 3515 Lillie St., Fort Wayne 5, Indiana. U. S. General. Roy L. McNutt.
- 25073 **Winona Coin Club**, Robert E. Mueller, Secy., 313 East 5th St., Winona, Minn. W. P. Theurer, Milton L. Meyer, A. D. Thurley.
- 25074 **Eugene W. Feaser**, 301 W. Maumee, Angola, Indiana. Silver coins. Dorman D. Evert.
- 25075 **Thomas J. Jones**, 3784 Gold St., Apt. 3, Los Alamos, N. M. Ancient, Colonial, U. S. type. Albert W. Savage, Jr.
- 25076 **Herbert L. Brown**, P. O. Box 353, Joshua Tree, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25077 **William Alfred Hannum**, 3855 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia 4, Penn. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25078 **Rev. John D. Gregory**, 622 North Walnut St., Celina, Ohio. Gold coins and cents of U. S. James Kelly.
- 25079 **Paul Whittington**, 302 West Pharr, Selmer, Tenn. U. S. Coins. J. L. Borroum, John Paul Butler, J. L. Adams.
- 25080 **L. G. Skeels**, 2003 E. MacArthur Ave., Box 292, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. U. S. Coins and Currency. Wm. Mertes.
- 25081 **William Y. Robb**, 631 N. Topeka, Wichita, Kansas. U. S. Coins. Merrill V. Younkin, Howard Muck.
- 25082 **Frank J. Cerwin**, 17 Drumlin Lane, McKeesport, Penn. U. S. Coins. Addison Smith.
- 25083 **Paul E. Swickard**, 928 Tenth St., Charleston, Ill. U. S. Coins. Marion Austin, Bruce Rardin.
- 25084 **Mrs. Mabel J. Wuelfken**, 817 Modoc St., Vallejo, Calif. U. S. Coins. George W. Younglove.
- 25085 **William H. Friesell, III**, 1014 Macon Ave., Pittsburgh 18, Penn. U. S. Coins. Lee Mason.

- 25086 **Wallace L. Marsh**, Rt. 1, Box 288, Loomis, Calif. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25087 **Norman Marcus**, 5606 W. Auer Ave., Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin. Unc. and Proof sets. Hubert L. Polzer, Leroy H. Foerster, Max Marcus.
- 25088 **Donald L. Lathrop**, 2001 N. Gramercy Pl., Hollywood 28, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25089 **Thomas B. Bryan, Jr.**, P. O. Drawer E-2, Greensboro, North Carolina. Gold coins. A. C. Coleman.
- 25090 **Palmer M. Gilbertson**, Pierce and Main Sts., Marinette, Wisconsin. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25091 **Elma K. Taylor**, 7625 North Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25092 **Major Mario S. Azzolina**, 83 Pinehurst Ave., Providence 8, R. I. General. Edward J. Albany.
- 25093 **Donald R. Nunemacher**, R.F.D. 4, Manheim, Penn. Indian Heads. G. F. Flinchbaugh, Samuel A. Levin.
- 25094 **Paul O. Martin**, 341 E. Delaware Rd., Burbank, Calif. R. G. Snyder, Karl M. Brainard.
- 25095 **S. Rachel**, Civilian Area, Box 315, APO 323, San Francisco, Calif. Korean, Japanese and ancient Chinese. Kenneth L. Westfall.
- 25096 **Roy T. Payne**, 410 Walton Bldg., Atlanta 3, Georgia. U. S. and Confederate Coins and Currency. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25097 **William H. Ott**, 102 S. Davis St., Ottumwa, Iowa. U. S. Coins and paper Money. Earle E. Beman.
- 25098 **Kenneth Dolbee**, 1929 Wellesley Dr., Toledo 6, Ohio. U. S. Coins. L. Saffil.
- 25099 **Dr. Gordon T. Bowen**, 4258 Walnut Ave., Lynwood, Calif. General. J. W. Munnecke, H. M. Braudon.
- 25100 **Rev. John A. Ramsay**, 6437 Outlook Ave., Apt. A, Oakland 5, Calif. Commemoratives. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25101 **Mrs. Helen M. Leary**, 115 W. Fern St., Hazleton, Penn. General. Harold A. Rosen, Burton Saxton.
- 25102 **Herbert E. Wypler**, 40 Wendouer Drive, Huntington, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Berkeley Jackson.
- 25103 **Charles K. Baugh**, 1514 "F" Street, Sacramento 14, Calif. Unc. coins and miscellaneous. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25104 **Lt. L. T. Hughes**, USS Tom Green County (LST 1159), c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif. R. F. Burk, CSC. U. S. Coins, Proof and Mint sets.
- 25105 **C. L. Rothenhoefer**, R. R. 4, Box 76, South Bend, Indiana. General. Jack C. Cripe.
- 25106 **William T. Caswell**, 94½ S. State St., Concord, New Hampshire. U. S. Coins. Oscar G. Schilke.
- 25107 **William H. Doucette**, 660½ N. High St., Salem, Oregon. General. Leo H. Johnson.
- 25108 **John P. Barriage**, 26651 Parklawn Drive, Cleveland 32, Ohio. Commemoratives. U. S., Twentieth Century Foreign. A. F. Smith.
- 25109 **Narciso R. Morales**, CS1, U. S. Naval Radio Station, Box 5, Imperial Beach, Calif. Mexico, Canada, Japan, U. S. Eugene D. Johnston, E. A. Parker.
- 25110 **Irving J. Olson**, 682 Delaware Ave., Akron, Ohio. 19th Century, U. S. Dr. Howard Karr.
- 25111 **Mrs. Jasper L. Robertson**, 133 Church St., Hoosick Falls, N. Y. General. Jasper L. Robertson, Associate member.
- 25112 **Dr. George W. Ziegler, Jr.**, 25 Alexander Avenue, Carlisle, Penn. American Coins. M. L. Dettinger, M. W. Emrick.
- 25113 **F. L. Ferguson**, P. O. Box 15, Fort Lee, N. J. General. Harry C. Mathews.
- 25114 **Adrian H. Lindsey**, 2239 Massachusetts, Lawrence, Kansas. General. Fred E. Dunlap.
- 25115 **Harry E. Hunton**, Cordova Drug Store, Santa Fe, New Mexico. U. S. Coins. David M. Brown.
- 25116 **Alvin R. Smith**, 681 Jean St., Oakland 10, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25117 **Joseph H. Champagne**, 3735 Kingston St., Lake Charles, Louisiana. U. S. Coins. Edward C. Cooper, Dale E. Morgan.
- 25118 **Thomas S. McCrummen, Jr.**, 4619 Madrona Drive, Austin 3, Texas. General. Albert H. Pollard.
- 25119 **Austin Texas Coin Club**, James H. Hawley, Secy., 4905 Strass Dr., Austin, Texas. Albert H. Pollard, Eroy L. Rummoys.
- 25120 **Kenneth W. Powell**, 3114 Monterey, St. Joseph, Missouri. U. S. Coins and Commemoratives. D. P. Lyon, Harry D. McGuire.
- 25121 **Mike T. Carson**, 825 La Rue Ave., Reno, Nevada. U. S. Coins. Russell I. Nerase.
- 25122 **Dallas E. Nickel**, P. O. Box 41, Akron 9, Ohio. General. Vernon L. Oblisk.
- 25123 **Robert J. Bell**, 725 E. Essex Ave., Glendale 22, Missouri. U. S. Coins. Margaret Benson.
- 25124 **James B. Robinson**, Box 275, Maryville, Missouri. U. S. Currency. Glen Smith.
- 25125 **Roy Rorabaugh**, 302 N. 30th St., Lincoln 3, Nebr. General. L. P. Rickard.
- 25126 **William E. Membrino**, 18 Pinzon Ave., Havertown, Penn. U. S. Commemoratives. Ernst Kraus.
- 25127 **Ronald C. Wolf**, 1168 Crestview Ave., Akron 20, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Dr. Jack H. Litman, Michael Kolman, Jr.
- 25128 **Harold Wm. Hood**, 61 Devonshire Rd., Cedar Grove, New Jersey. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25129 **Henry Krawiecki**, 3824 15 Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25130 **Sheldon S. Milliken**, 693 Rim Road, Pasadena, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25131 **Howard Mall**, 3500 W. 83rd St., Inglewood 4, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25132 **Donald J. Ramsey**, 1612 Eye St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. General. Lewis M. Reagan.

- 25133 **Thomas M. Richards**, 30 Eastern Ave., Somerville, New Jersey. U. S. Unc. and Proof. Ray Tropicano.
- 25134 **Carmine A. Garofalo**, 145 Frost Rd., Waterbury 4, Conn. Colonial and U. S. Regular. Sam Goldstein.
- 25135 **Virginia M. Imler**, 8353 S. W. 122nd St., Miami 43, Florida. U. S. Coins. J. G. Pollard, Mrs. V. C. Snow.
- 25136 **Leo F. Schneider**, 1508 West Emma Ave., Springdale, Arkansas. U. S. Coins. Robert Moore, Mace D. Hanall.
- 25137 **James Ewing Brady**, 598 5th St., Crestview, Florida. U. S. and Confederate. M. W. Finman.
- 25138 **James F. Woodland**, 423 N. Jackson St., Media, Penn. U. S. Coins. Mrs. D. Dee De Nise.
- 25139 **Mrs. Sherry Ann Woodland**, 423 N. Jackson St., Media, Penn. U. S. Coins. Mrs. D. Dee De Nise. Associate Member.
- 25140 **Sidney Glazman**, 712 Mineola Ave., Akron 20, Ohio. U. S. Unc. and Rolls.
- 25141 **Dr. J. H. Litman**, Michael Kolman, Jr.
- 25141 **Donald P. LeVine**, 717 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, Ill. General. Edgar W. Lister, B. T. Welch, William F. Field.
- 25142 **Francis P. Fulton**, AF 6977815, 6985 Comm. Secty. Flt., APO 942, Seattle, Wash. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25143 **J. F. Reeves**, 2511 25th St., Lubbock, Texas. U. S. Coins. H. T. McKissack, Robert E. Medlar.
- 25144 **Col. Thomas H. Winters**, 522 E. School St., Owatonna, Minn. General. R. G. Bullard.
- 25145 **Ralph R. Obenchain, Jr.**, 1625 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois. U. S. Coins. Richard E. Phillips, Ben C. Dreiske, H. Glexners.
- 25146 **Henry Clark Green**, 129 W. Bay St., Jacksonville 2, Florida. U. S. and Foreign coins. Harold A. Williams, J. P. De Pass, Bill Nolting.
- 25147 **D. D. Heisterkamp**, 726 W. 4th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa. U. S. Coins. Jesse A. Crawford, Burton H. Saxton.
- 25148 **Douglas Dodd**, P. O. Box 517, Decatur, Alabama. U. S. Coins and Proof sets. Louis Bell.
- 25149 **Earl F. Hargitt, Sr.**, 1040 Sherman St., Decatur, Alabama. U. S. Coins. Louis Bell.
- 25150 **Walter H. Weber**, P. O. Box 223, Los Alamos, New Mexico. U. S. Coins. Charles W. Johnstone.
- 25151 **Hilton D. Zeigler**, 1358½ Oak St., Eugene, Oregon. General. A. R. Sorensen, Francis Potwin, Wesley E. Jackson.
- 25152 **Willard C. Tompkins**, Tobey's Motor Court, Plymouth, New Hampshire. U. S. and Canadian Coins. William E. O'Brien, Burton H. Saxton.
- 25153 **Arthur A. Wallace**, 357 2nd St., Elyria, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Elmer B. Ray, Steve Minos.
- 25154 **Alois L. Scharf**, 200 West 86th St., New York 32, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Thomas J. Wass, III, Louis S. Werner.
- 25155 **Gertrude M. Gamba**, c/o Dietary Dept., VA Hospital, Erie 5, Penn. Gold, U. S. quarters, half dollars and dollars. Charles Wormser.
- 25156 **John W. Dunn**, 1400 Garfield, Norman, Oklahoma. U. S. Commemoratives and dimes. P. K. Anderson, Jake B. Sureck, John F. Lhotka.
- 25157 **F. Edward Thomas**, 4539 Coldwater Canyon Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. Type coins. R. A. Wilson.
- 25158 **C. J. Wilson**, 4238 Florida Ave., Cincinnati 23, Ohio. U. S. Coins. K. M. Smith.
- 25159 **George R. Fox**, 1309 Brown St., Akron 1, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Dr. Jack H. Litman, Michael Kolman, Jr.
- 25160 **J. D. Croom, Jr.**, Box 110, Asheboro, North Carolina. U. S. Coins. Elston G. Bradfield, Corbett L. Scott.
- 25161 **Ralph W. McIntire**, 5668 Guilford, Indianapolis 20, Indiana. U. S. Coins. Leo G. Terry, George Paxton.
- 25162 **Rubin Boster**, 3612 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Penn. General. H. H. Leisman, F. J. Bolton.
- 25163 **John C. Tracy, Jr.**, P. O. Box 282, West Harwich, Mass. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 25164 **H. R. "Herb" Karner**, RFD 2, Box 27, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. U. S. Coins. Robert W. Schuetz.
- 25165 **Mrs. Helen E. Hinkle**, RFD, Artemas, Penn. U. S. Coins. H. H. Cessna, Joseph E. Rexroad, Merle R. Armstrong.
- 25166 **Northwest Iowa Coin Club**, P. H. Loomer, Secy., 318 S. 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa. M. James Hutchison, Charles R. Allen.
- 25167 **Paul M. Stuyvesant**, R. D. 1, Conneaut Lake, Penn. U. S. Coins. Milton Goldsmith, Marlon Snyder, E. W. Long.
- 25168 **Simon Engel Hardt**, 2216 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, Calif. U. S. Coins. Jack M. Turner.
- 25169 **Tom W. Lynch**, 1423 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles 17, Calif. U. S. Coins. D. W. Karp, L. R. Karp.
- 25170 **Greenville Coin Club (South Carolina)**, R. L. Hamby, Jr., P. O. Box 3023, Greenville, South Carolina. R. L. Hamby, Jr.

DECEASED

- 23098 **C. Joseph Andres**, Canton, Ohio.

RESIGNED

- 7927 **Albert J. Chance**, 34 Pearl Road, New Providence, N. J.
- 6917 **Dr. N. M. Hansen**, 1522 Thompson St., Des Moines, Iowa.
- 17228 **William Holmes**, 6 Gleniffer Crescent, Elderslie Renfrewshire, Scotland.
- 19416 **Mrs. J. A. Jacobson**, 1641 Cordano Way, Sacramento 18, Calif.

REINSTATEMENT

- 18937 Chas. S. Berkey, Box 40, Clearfield, Penn.
 6622 Jacob F. Blazsek, Box 215, Newton Falls, Ohio.
 17136 Maury H. Friedman, 6023 N. St. Louis, Chicago 45, Illinois.
 7250 Harry A. Lewis, 2039 Hillcrest Ave., Cleveland 9, Ohio.
 20756 Earl Martin, 1710 NW 38th St., Oklahoma City 6, Okla.
 15969 Charles R. Moore, 62 Greenlawn Blvd., Valley Stream, N. Y.
 11272 Nolan S. Pierce, 1535 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte 4, N. C.

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY

- 4783 Hartford Numismatic Society, Mrs. Grace Crighton, Secy., 230 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn.
 4514 Heart of America Numismatic Association, Buford A. Ellis, Secy., 8416 Wabash, Kansas City, Missouri.
 5019 Philadelphia Coin Club, George J. Epley, Secy., 146 West Plumstead Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.
 17525 Salina Coin Club, Glen D. Johnson, Secy., R. 1, Solomon, Kansas.
 20150 South Dakota Coin and Stamp Club, (Formerly South Dakota Numismatic Society), J. L. Ellis, Secy., 813½ S. Main, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

CORRECTION

The following application was published incorrectly in the Reinstatements, December issue:

11064 John G. Shelley, Jr., R.F.D. 5, Portland, Maine.

The following application was published incompletely in the November issue:
 24877 Harold A. McCallum, Monroe, Oregon.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. Sometimes a carbon copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information — and encouragement — to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space. All copy should be typewritten, double-spaced, and written on one side of the paper only. Please condense your reports and write them so they conform to the style of those printed below. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Please send reports to the Editor.

ALBERT PIKE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Annual meeting. Matt Rothert gave his impressions of the business side of the Omaha meeting and Dr. Randolph T. Smith spoke on the displays at that session.

All officers were re-elected for another year with the exception of the secretary, who pleaded that his lack of numismatic knowledge made him a poor choice for the office. D. F. Ludwick, a charter member, was elected secretary for the coming year.

All members and guests, including their wives, then introduced themselves, after which everyone enjoyed meeting our other out of town guests, Ed Leaming, secretary of the Ark. N. A., and Dick McGille of Pine Bluff.

— FADJO CRAVENS, JR.
 Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — 442nd meeting at Henry Grady Hotel (Atlanta, Ga.) October 11; Pres. George M. Todd pre-

sided; 26 present. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibits: Philip S. Reed, small California gold pieces; Roy T. Payne, Flying Eagle and Indian cents (including 1856 Flying Eagle); Jimmy McDonald, Indian and Lincoln cents; B. J. Dantone, commemorative halves.

— MARGARET C. MCAULEY
 Secretary and Treasurer

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — 443rd meeting at Henry Grady Hotel (Atlanta, Ga.) November 15; Pres. George M. Todd presided; 30 present.

Pres. Todd appointed Robert C. Davis, Edwin P. Morgan and Leroy D. Martin as nominating committee to select officers for the coming year.

Edwin P. Morgan presented ANA color slide set No. 13 on "Coins of the Pagan Roman Empire, 29 B.C. to 300 A.D." Among coins in the set: Nero (54-68 AD), with a reverse of a temple with the doors closed, a symbol of peace in the

country; Titus (79-81 AD), time of the capture of Jerusalem and eruption of Vesuvius; Trajan, (98-117 AD), who extended the empire to its greatest area; Aurelianus (270-275 AD), wall built around the city of Rome, being fought by barbarians.

Exhibits:
G. R. Bolen: 1885 nickel proof.
B. J. Dantone: Complete uncirculated set Jefferson 5c and Washington 25c (including 1934 light and heavy motto).
Robert C. Davis: Ancient Roman bronze coins.

J. R. Leimenstoll: African wife money.
Leroy D. Martin: Coins of the world and U. S. type.

Margaret C. McAuley: Roman imperial denarius, sestertius and antoninianus.
Jimmy McDonald: Complete set Lincoln cents.

Roy T. Payne: Type set commemorative gold, U. S. coins, half cents through silver dollars (second complete set seen at this club).

Philip S. Reed: U. S. gold type and foreign type.

James J. Swegar: Large cents overdates (including small 1807/6 of which there are five known).

— MARGARET C. MCAULEY
Secretary and Treasurer

BELLINGHAM COIN CLUB — 11th meeting at public library Nov. 19; Pres. Fred Hallert presiding; 29 present; auction. A fireside meeting was held Nov. 9 at 2828 Northwest Avenue.

Slides from the A.N.A. on the Confederate currency were shown. Thanks to Mr. Mapes for the use of the projector.

— ARLENE MEDCALF
Acting Secretary

BELLINGHAM COIN CLUB — 12th meeting Nov. 16; Pres. Fred Hallert presided; 15 present.

Paul Elvig gave a quiz on American Coins. Slides were shown on U. S. coins from quarters to silver dollars. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

— ARLENE MEDCALF
Acting Secretary

BERGEN COUNTY COIN CLUB — 18th meeting Nov. 16, 1955; River Edge Boro firehouse, River Edge, N. J.; Pres. Wm. Anton presided; 31 present.

Exhibits:

Wm. T. Anton: \$1000, Series 1919-7-G; \$500, Federal Reserve Note series 1934; \$10, Series 1923; \$2, Series 1917; \$2.50 gold 1911-D; \$50 California gold slug, 1851; Humbert \$80 thous.; Isabella 25c; sheet of Moravian currency issued in Salem, N. C. 1803.

Frank A. Giaino: \$1 silver certificate, series 1886; \$1 treasury note, series 1891.

David Matas: \$1 series 1896; 1927 50c lead.

George E. Meyer: Queen Elizabeth II 1 pound and 10 shilling notes of Australia.

J. M. Owens: Set Lincoln cents.
H. Scheithauer: Complete set Lincoln cents.

T. L. Schnur: 1904 double eagle proof; 1803 eagle unc.; 1810 one-half eagle unc.

E. Stefanacci: 1901 \$5 gold.
R. Stefanacci: 1913 \$2½ gold.

Helen Zingale: 1913-1953 Mexican crown size pesos.

Michael Zingale: 1951, 1952, 1955 German 5 mark proofs; 1953 Cuba set.

Walter Stefanacci: Collection small cents.

— ANTON MEYER, V. P.
Acting Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB — 267th meeting Nov. 16, 1955 at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. Pres. Gallo presided; 12 present. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibits:

Dr. Beldegreen: \$5.00 size gold coins of Prussia, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, Poland and City of Hamburg, 1692.

Saul Bellus: Five commemorative dollars of Republic of China.

Aaron Feldman: Commemorative medals.

M. L. Kaplan: \$10 gold of 1796, 97 and 1801, 1756 Russian gold set, 1775 of Catherine II of Russia and gold coin set of New Bolivia.

Martin Kortjohn: 10 kopecks of Russia 1762-1781, 1952 set of Portuguese India and 1955 set of Cyprus.

E. Korenyi: Eight rubles of Russia from 1721 to 1798.

R. Picker: 1811 half cent G2, with die break only over first two stars.

Jacques Sweyd: U. S. gold type set.

John Van der Meer: 28 Dutch jettons, ½ gulden of 1802 in tin for the Cape of Good Hope, trial piece.

Joseph Wagner: 4 decorations, including colored photographs of the same medals.

— SAUL BELLUS
Acting Secretary

CAMDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB — 20th meeting Oct. 24th, Walt Whitman hotel, Camden, N. J. The Secret Service gave us credit for detecting counterfeit nickels, which reportedly got into circulation through the activities of Francis L. Henning, arrested in Cleveland, Ohio.

New officers for 1955-56 are:

President: Harmon K. Rodgers
Vice President: Leslie Hess

Recording Secretary: Robert G. McGarney

Corresponding Secretary: A. Thayer
Winner

Treasurer: Joseph Eiseleu
Member-at-Large: Harry G. Troth, Jr.

— A. T. WINNER
Secretary

CAMDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB — 21st meeting Nov. 28th, Walt Whitman hotel, Camden, N. J.; Pres. Harmon K. Rodgers presided; auction. We received an "Excellency of Exhibit" award for our participation in the M.A.N.A. 3rd annual convention held October 28-30 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Saul Solomon talked on an ancient Otho coin.

Coins, rifles and ammunition, known as "The Shooting Coins and Rifle Exhibit" was recently displayed and discussed by Frank K. Tamney before an American Legion group of 400 at the St. Joseph grade school at Hammonton, N. J. This exhibit was sponsored by the 4 C's and the State Fencibles Infantry of Philadelphia, Pa.

— A. T. WINNER
Secretary

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA COIN CLUB — 4th annual banquet Oct. 28. Displays were shown and talks given by each exhibitor. Awards went to Howard Prevette, Elmer Wright, Hilton Hopson.

— L. J. KACZOR
A.N.A. Representative

CHICAGO COIN CLUB — 442nd meeting Nov. 9, 1955, LaSalle Hotel; 60 present; Pres. Elston G. Bradfield presided.

I. T. Kopicki presented the first paper under the club's new program of literary

award medals for the best written paper read before the group during a 12 month period. Mr. Kopicki's subject was "The First American Mint" and he discussed the historical events leading to the mint's establishment and the strained relations between the Crown and the colonists as a result of that establishment.

Herbert Joy Shaner, Jr. was appointed editor of the "Chatter," the club's monthly bulletin. Paul Igelman, former editor offered his resignation because of increased pressure of business activities and was given a rising vote of thanks by the membership for past services.

Past President Clyde Grimm, who is leaving Chicago permanently, said goodbye to his many friends inasmuch as this was his last meeting before departure.

Exhibits:

Dr. Carl Westmark: Early U. S. and colonial pieces including 1799 eagle, 1793 half cent, 1802 half eagle, Washington pieces and a homemade NE shilling.

Harold Klein: Bronze medal for excellence of exhibit at Chicago Coin Club 1955 banquet and new club 1956 membership card.

Arle Slabaugh: Photographs of hypnosis demonstrations similar to the demonstration at the club banquet.

I. T. Kopicki: Chicago Coin Club past president's medal and excellence of exhibit medal.

Clyde Grimm: Chicago Coin Club medal of merit.

Ernest Jonas: Collection of crown-size coins of Brazil including commemorative set on 400th anniversary of discovery of new world by Columbus.

J. Dudley Stone: Miscellaneous gold coins of various countries and collection of gem stones from South America.

— MICHAEL M. DOLNICK
Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — October meeting Hotel Metro-pole; Pres. Dan Feist presiding; auction; 25 present.

Exhibits:

G. Duvall: 1952 U. S. proof set.
T. Rogers: 1880 50c, 1873 half dime, 1885 10c, all proofs.

J. S. Marks: 1797 \$1.00.

H. Meiss: Spielmark.

M. J. Brown: 1909 gold set.

A. Steuer: Small U. S. cents.

L. Riggs: 1955 U. S. proof set in plastic.

S. Kaplan: Silver dollar.

C. Hubble: 1942 U. S. proof set in case.
F. Howe: Sets of Canadian coins (unc.) in plastic.

R. Rogers: 1882 5c, 1891 10c, proofs.

E. McBrayer: Fractional currency.

W. W. Lyon: Roman gold.

L. Tosky: 1954 and 1955 Canadian sets.

H. Kleine: U. S. gold.

W. Broker: South American currency.

P. Lyon: U. S. silver dollars.

M. Fessenden: U. S. gold 25c to \$5.00.

— MARVIN S. FESSENDEN

Secretary

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB — 14th meeting Nov. 3, Frisco Building, 700 W. Vickery; Pres. H. H. Pinkerton presided; benefit auction; 39 present. Reservations were taken for the Christmas banquet December 7th, and a nominating committee was appointed. A.N.A. color slides "U. S. Postage and Fractional Currency" were shown.

— FAITH LEWIS
Reporter

GREENSBORO COIN CLUB — 20th meeting Nov. 12, 1955, Mayfair Cafeteria; O. D. Gibbs, president, presided; 23 present; auction. J. M. Miller, representative to the MANA convention, gave his report. J. W. B. Bason and J. McNeely Miller, who also attended, gave their impressions.

Exhibits:

J. M. Miller: Multiple Thalers of Brunswick Luneberg; early U. S. cents; 1799 \$10 gold; odd and curious coins.

— J. W. B. BASON
Secretary-Treasurer

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB — November 4th meeting at Hawthorne Plant of the Western Electric Company, Cicero, Ill.; G. Formella presided; 30 present; auction. In the absence of Secretary Marie Kalish, Vice President H. Mareska acted as secretary.

The Vice President presented participation certificates to the members who took part in the 1955 Coin Week Exhibit.

The Chicago Coin Club banquet and exhibit held Oct. 29 and 30 were discussed. Among the exhibitors there were three of our members: G. Formella, M. Kalish, and H. Mareska.

Four members spoke on the exhibits they displayed at our Annual Hobby Show. The talks were greatly enjoyed.

J. Gore spoke on the U. S. type set.

E. Valach related his experiences in collecting regular issue and commemorative coins, and spoke of his new interest, medal collecting.

P. Igelman presented his California gold collection.

H. Mareska spoke on coining and plotting of Roman coins.

— H. MARESKA
Acting Secretary

HUNTINGTON COIN CLUB — 65th meeting at the clubroom in the Public Library.

Secretary Tomkies reported having read an interesting article "Jackpot in Your Pockets" in a recent issue of *Town Journal*.

John Robinson reported on plans for the club's exhibit at the library.

— SIMPSON TOMKIES
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB — 33rd meeting Oct. 28, 1955 at the McKee Street Firehouse, in Floral Park Centre, New York. Oscar Susskind gave an enlightening talk on Swedish coins beginning and ending with women rulers. Pres. Foster Jenkins spoke on the various Greek coins in his collection.

Exhibits:

R. R. Baumann: Set of 5c pieces, 1913 to 1938.

Morris Bram: 1951-53 England 5 shillings 1953; crowns of New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia.

Robert Cohn: Isabella 25c; Roman coins.

F. M. Jenkins: Ancient coins of Greece, Thebes, Egypt, Macedonia and Syria; coins of Judea and the widow's mite.

Robert J. Schoeck: Thalers of the 17th century.

Hugh P. Stone: Early U. S. 50c.

Oscar L. Susskind: Coins of Sweden.
W. C. Thompson: 3c silver, 1858 to 1862.

Dr. Tibor A. Vince: 19th century sovereigns and guildens.

- V. W. ALONES
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB - 34th meeting Nov. 25, 1955, McKee Street Firehouse in Floral Park Centre, New York; 18 present. Oscar Susskind spoke on his collection of coins from institutions.

Exhibits:

V. W. Alones: Crowns from Australia and England.

Richard R. Baumann: 5c 1883 to 1912.

Morris Bram: Canadian \$1 and \$2 crisp.

Robert Cohn: Three comm., Iowa, Oregon and Roanoke; four patterns 1869 dime, 1870 dime, 1870 quarter in copper and silver plus \$2½ dollar gold pieces.

Michael Granis: Solid silver ring money of Tangiers; Babylonian clay tablet 2500 years old; three varieties Chinese key money.

Foster M. Jenkins: Unc. set of Tibet ¼, ½ and 1 rupee 1902; 1955 set of Cyprus; restrike of Tirol thaler.

Joseph Lunz: Unc. Isabella 25c; unc. 1932-S and D 25c.

Robert J. Schoeck: Gold florin of Florence, 1490; Maria Theresa dollar 1780; Mexican dollars 1921.

Hugh P. Stone: South Africa proof sets with gold 1951-1955.

Oscar Susskind: Money of Sing Sing prison; Tombs prison; N. Y. City Prison of Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Junior Republic; Lundy Island; Philippine Islands (Culion leper colony).

W. C. Thompson: Unc. comm. 50c; set Indian heads missing 1909-S.

Dr. Tibor A. Vince: \$5 size gold coins from Italy.

Emil Voigt: 1930 Iceland comm. set; complete dollars of Colorado 1933; type set United States gold.

- V. W. ALONES
Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB - 330th meeting Sept. 2nd; Foresters' Hall; Pres. Wm. H. Spence presided; 87 present; auction.

Program featured showing of A.N.A. slide set No. 1, "Coins of Colonial America." This improved set of slides, depicting many of the coins in use during the early days of American history, was well received by those present.

The 1956 annual banquet will be held in conjunction with that of the newly-formed Numismatic Association of Southern California.

- (MRS.) ESTHER G. SPENCE
Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB - 331st meeting Oct. 7th; Foresters' Hall; Pres. Wm. H. Spence presided; 94 present; auction.

A moment of silence was observed in tribute to the memories of Robert J. Heller and Howard C. Laible, recently deceased members.

Michael P. Carey was honored as recipient of an Honorary A.N.A. membership, awarded at the Omaha Convention in August.

The board of governors reported favorably on a proposal to confirm an invitation to the A.N.A. to hold its annual convention in Los Angeles in 1958. However, by vote of the membership, final consideration was deferred until the November meeting.

- (MRS.) ESTHER G. SPENCE
Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB - 332nd meeting Nov. 4th; Foresters' Hall; Pres. Wm. H. Spence presided; 126 present; auction.

The club confirmed its invitation to the A.N.A. to hold its annual convention in Los Angeles in 1958.

Nominations of Club officers for 1956 were made.

The featured speaker was S. M. Koepfel, whose subject was "The Romance of Money." Mr. Koepfel, a former president of this club, has been a collector for 50 years and a dealer for 25. Mr. Koepfel covered the field of coinage and currency from earliest times to the present day, illustrating his talk with selected specimens of the numismatic material described. Among these were many coins of Biblical times, colonial coins, California gold, currency, from mulberry bark money (earliest known form of currency) to contemporary notes.

- (MRS.) ESTHER G. SPENCE
Secretary

MADISON COIN CLUB - Meeting Nov. 8 at 110 N. Fairchild St. Mrs. Whitford, the president, presided.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Radel displayed their U. S. Type sets. Earle Clauder showed some beautiful German wedding medals, and 1815 U. S. quarter with incused letter "E." A set of six so-called half dollars was brought by Mr. Goth.

Large U. S. cents and two cent pieces were the topics. Seven questions on each of these two coins were asked the members, the winner receiving 64 cents or a large U. S. cent or two cent piece.

- GORDON GILL
Secretary-Treasurer

MARYLAND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

- Met Oct. 27 at First Christian Church, Baltimore; auction; Pres. Melvin Fuld presided. Cmdr. M. L. Peterson showed slides of his latest Bahaman trip.

Exhibits:

Mrs. Edward Plummer: Two diplomas, one in English, other in Swiss with envelope bearing many beautiful Swiss stamps and shooting medals.

Al Wolfson: Cameron, Mo., wooden nickels; article from *This Week*, "We're Living on Tokens." U. S. Treasury's "Facts About U. S. Money."

M. L. Peterson: Greek tetradrachm.

Joseph Elsel: Fugio cent.

W. A. Lenz: Paper money.

W. M. Hayes: Animal and bird coins.

C. W. Cocky: Chinese temple pieces.

- MRS. J. E. M. WOOD
Secretary

MIAMI COIN CLUB - Meeting Nov. 17, 1955. E. L. Welkert a visitor from Washington was with us for the evening. Our exhibits consisted of coins of dollar size from the countries of the letters J, K and L, starting with Japan and ending with Luneberg, also a collection of all the trade dollars except the 1884 and 1885.

Otto Sghia exhibited 3c. nickel, proofs and Bill Steinberg a collection of pattern coins and a complete collection of commemorative gold.

Herb Brand, a collection of U. S. paper money including the educational set and the new coins of Cyprus.

Mr. Pollard gave a talk on commemoratives and it was agreed that too many private people had profited on the sale of these coins. Commemorative coins should be issued by the government, dis-

tributed by the government at face value.

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 178th meeting Hotel Roosevelt Oct. 10th; Pres. Arno S. Meyer presided; 37 present; auction. Attendance prizes were awarded to Art Thilking and D. Wayne Johnson. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Exhibit tables given the name of "Show & Tell" displayed the following: Old photographs of first U. S. currency printing presses and minting machines of the U. S. Government made by D. Wayne Johnson; elaborate display of U. S. coins bearing the American eagle and uncut sheets of U. S. currency and a collection of fractional currency by James Berkel.

— W. G. ARNOLD
Secretary-Treasurer

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Nov. 14th at Roosevelt Hotel featured money of Missouri. This theme included coins, medals, tokens, and paper money each of which was represented.

William L. Furry spoke on coins and medals of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. This produced a large amount of numismatic material including the first gold commemorative coins, Jefferson and McKinley dollars of 1903. The Jefferson statue in the Jefferson memorial in St. Louis was erected from funds obtained from the sale of these dollars. The A.N.A. held its convention during the exposition here in October, 1904 at the instigation of Farran Zerbe, who, incidentally, was the agent for the sale of the commemorative coins.

Eric P. Newman spoke on the coins and paper money of Missouri in the post-Civil War period. He pointed out many types of notes which circulated in Missouri at that time and the difficulties in issuing these notes. Included in this discussion were circulating bonds and requisitions for bonds, Missouri, Confederate and city notes, and private scrip. He also told of the reason for the issuance of the only known \$4.50 note — interest had to be paid on all notes over \$5 and the issuers did not want to pay this added amount.

Exhibits:

W. G. Arnold: 23 colored views of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, three spoons and 17 medals from the fair.

Fred J. Bascom: Copy of book, "World's Fair Official Photo Views" by Walter B. Stevens.

Samuel Jaromack: Missouri bills, medals and buttons from the exposition including Missouri Day medal, three varieties of so-called dollar and French medals.

D. Wayne Johnson: Elongated cents of the 1904 World's Fair.

C. W. Lounsbury: McKinley dollar, one of the first 100 issued, with certificate; medals of the exposition including four varieties of awards, and four varieties of so-called dollars.

Eric P. Newman: Jefferson dollar, one of first 100 issued, with certificate; Confederate bonds, circulating bonds, circulating requisitions for bonds, Missouri Confederate notes, Missouri city issues, private scrip, Civil War and other Missouri tokens.

Pres. Meyer announced that the Central States Numismatic Society has accepted an invitation to hold its convention in St. Louis in the spring of 1957.

— D. WAYNE JOHNSON
Program Chairman

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB — 563rd meeting Nov. 10, 1955, at 45 Park Avenue, New York; Pres. Oscar G. Schilke presided; 22 present.

The topics of the evening were: U. S. dimes 1873-1891; commemorative coins of Australia and the Philippines; paper money of above countries; new acquisitions.

Exhibits:

B. Babbitt: 8R Mexico 1818 Ferd. VII, 8R Peru 1799 bust, 8R Mexico 1840, 5 Pesos Railroad of South, Mexico 1950, 50c 1915 Amecameca, Wood #138.

Dr. J. Blanchard: Six specimens of paper money of the Philippines, two of which were progress proofs, showing portraits of Magellan and Legaspi (series of 1905).

V. L. Brown: Cyprus, new coins on the decimal system, 100, 50, 25, 5, 3 mills 1955. Germany, 5 D.M. 1955 commemorative of 300th anniversary of Ludwig Wilhelm, Margrave of Baden.

A. R. Feldman: Books on the history of the first banks of New York, Philadelphia, Davenport.

J. R. Francis: Quadrans of Caligula; sales tax token A.D. 39.

Oliver Eaton Futter: Proof Isabella quarter, proof 1892 Columbian, 1918 5c the size of a 25c piece.

Louis Helfenstein: Proof cents, 1841, 1845, 1852, 1855.

E. K. Hessberg: Eagles of 1795, 1797 and 1799.

M. F. Kortjohn: Set of 1903 gold coins presented by the Bronx Coin Club.

D. J. McClymont: U. S. dimes 1873 P, S, CC, O; 1891 P, S, O. Philippines 2 reales 1834 (proclamation piece), 2-1 peso coins 1936, 50 centavo 1936, peso, 50 centavo 1947, 10 peso note, series 1942 Philippine National Bank.

Lester Merkin: U. S. 1922 sandblast proof dollar, U. S. 1922 unc. dollar.

T. F. Morris: A set of nine unaccepted models for national bank notes, second charter period prepared by Excelsior Bank Note Co., Washington, D. C. Proof of \$100 U. S. note, dated 1847, bearing 6% interest.

Mrs. Norweb: French jetons, 9 pieces about 1750-1760.

R. Picker: 1721-H French colonies, 1787 Mass 1/2c, 1776 Continental dollars.

Mark M. Salton: Series of Roman sestertii from Claudius to Marcus Aurelius.

Oscar G. Schilke: 1955, 50 soles of Peru.

R. E. Solomon: Philippine pesos 1904, 1911, 1947, 1/2 pesos 1903, 1907, 1947.

Charles M. Wormser: Large cents 1821 N.1, 1823/2 N.1, 1844/81 N.2, 1857 N.3 and N.5.

A bronze medal was awarded to Thomas F. Morris for the best exhibit of the evening.

— E. K. HESSBERG
Secretary-Treasurer

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB — 192nd meeting Nov. 22nd, First National Bank Building, 22 present; auction. J. B. Sureck, an outstanding member of the club for over 17 years and its president, was presented a club senior membership, the first to any member in the history of the club. Without the many personal sacrifices so freely made by Mr. Sureck over the past years, our club would not be in its present excellent position.

The following were elected to take office in January:

President: Harold Zeigler
Vice President: John Dunn
Secretary-Treasurer: William Dale
Board of Governors: J. B. Sureck, J. H. Ashby, Ralph Osborne
Historian-Librarian: J. Salinger

Exhibits:
P. K. Anderson: Seven ancient bronze Spanish coins of Obulco from Lockett collection.

M. R. Brown: \$5 note on the Farmers & Exchange Bank of Charleston, S. C. in crisp condition.

William Dale: Denarius of Trajan commemorating Parthian wars.

Claude Farwell: 1955 South African proof set beautifully mounted by the mint.

Mrs. O. M. Galbraith: "Freak" Roosevelt dime with missing date numerals.

John Koberg: A complete 1916 to 1930 set of U. S. quarter dollars.

Dr. J. Lhotka: Cast aes grave piece of Tudor (3rd century B.C.).

Catherine Love: 1937 British half crown.

C. R. Moon: Seven Civil War tokens.
Ralph Osborne: 1884 proof set in plastic.

M. C. Sauer: 1847 U. S. \$2.50.
J. Salinger: Confederate \$5.00, Feb. 1864.

J. B. Sureck: Coronation crowns of Elizabeth II from New Zealand, England, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

Harold Zeigler: Pedley-Ryan 1933 silver "dollar."

Victor Stangel: Philippine Island type set.

The club has changed its meeting place to the First National Bank Building, Robinson and Park Avenues, Oklahoma City, 4th Tuesday 7:30 p.m. of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

- J. LHOTKA
Acting Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB - 208th meeting, Oct. 26, 1955, Brea, Cal., Woman's Clubhouse; Pres. Winn Osborne presiding; 114 present; exhibits, refreshments, auction.

Collector of the month, L. L. Trickey, told the club about his 50 years of coin collecting, starting when as a boy he worked for a collector and was paid in old coins at face value. All of the coins in his 50 year old collection have come out of circulation and he has yet to buy his first coin. Here is a truly unique collector. (See "Top of the Clubs.")

Members were shocked to hear that Robert Heller, veteran collector and long-time member of the club, had passed away on September 29th after a long illness.

Sol Alexander spoke on "Recent Revolutionary Coins of Mexico." Specimens of all the known coins issued by the various revolutionary leaders and generals were shown and described by the speaker who said that he traveled through Mexico to obtain some of the rare pieces. Some came from persons who struck the coins. The satisfaction gained from his collection was not in the value of the coins but in the thrill and romance of tracking them to their actual source.

- HERB BERGEN
Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Meeting Nov. 14, 1955, Multnomah Hotel in Portland; 39 present. The 1955-S

cents and their distribution into regular channels was discussed and various members and guests told of their availability in the various cities they had visited.

Exhibits:

S. L. Burnaugh, set of Mercury dimes; W. N. Worth, foreign gold coins in plastic holder; Lloyd Ruff, set of Elizabeth II coins of Cyprus; Bert Allumbaugh, set of uncirculated Washington quarters; Jim Young, set of cents; Joseph Shearman, unknown medal; Evans Cheeseman, 1903-O Morgan dollar.

- MR. AND MRS. CLYDE L. DAVIS
Secretaries

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - 476th meeting, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, Oct. 26th; Pres. John E. Ohls presided; 47 present.

Displays were hobbies other than coins. Exhibitors: Madeline Bergman, Clifford Bloom, Stanley Bloese, Mrs. Stanley Bloese, Dr. N. A. Bowers, Cmdr. Bowker, Mrs. Bowker, Mike Carr, Don Craig, Jim Ferguson, Walter Gerth, Rudie Gjurovich, Sidney Haas, F. E. Howard, Jim Lillenthal, Clifford Liss, Bea Liss, Kurt Loret, Barney O'Hea, John E. Ohls, Earl Parker, F. C. Powell, Don Rhodes, Jim Seikman, Carol Snedaker, Paul Snedaker, Leo Young, and last but not least, Ken Allen, speaker of the evening, displaying very interesting and unusual antique watches. J. V. McDermott displayed and spoke on both his genuine and counterfeit 1913 Liberty Head nickels.

- EULA C. JAKOBSEN
Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - 245th meeting, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Nov. 15th; Pres. George W. Magee, Jr., presiding; 51 present. Sam West was named A.N.A. representative and Edward Schwartz representative with Byron Hoke alternate to M.A.N.A. for the coming year. George Magee, chairman of the recent M.A.N.A. convention gave a report on its activities.

Arthur Sipe, chairman of the 1957 A.N.A. convention in Philadelphia, gave a progress report. Harmer Cole received the certificate of award for the best paper presented on numismatics for 1955.

Exhibits:

Mr. Leatherman: Proof set of 1871.
Mr. Pettit: Complete sets of Canadian cents and U. S. half cents.

Mr. Windner: Constellatio 1783 cent.
Mr. McDonald: Japanese currency and U. S. fractional currency.

Mr. Schwartz: Plaque for his display of copper, nickel and silver coins at 1955 M.A.N.A. Convention.

Mr. Street: First place award for currency at the 1955 M.A.N.A. Convention.

Mr. Leatherman won the contest for his exhibit. Mr. Pettit gave a short report on "What is a Shinplaster?" Howard Street suggested that since our 250th meeting would come up in the Spring that some form of recognition of the event be given to the occasion.

- GEORGE J. EPLEY
Secretary

RICHMOND COIN CLUB - 172nd meeting; Pres. L. Frank Cluverius presided; held Nov. 9, 1955 in the Byrd Park Club house.

Several related their experiences at the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association convention. The club won third prize for its exhibit. W. H. Bacon was given a rising vote of thanks for his aid

in this award. The club also received a blue ribbon for excellence of exhibit. Reeves Brown also received an award for individual display.

Officers elected for 1956:
President: Frank Cluverius.
Vice President: William C. Hatcher (Bill)
Recording Secretary: Steve Proctor
Corr. Secretary: Mary Parsons
Treasurer: John Branch Green
—IRMA LEE HARDEE

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 950th meeting Nov. 1, Museum of Arts and Sciences; 52 present; Pres. Howard F. Osterman presided.

Our speaker was John J. Pittman. The subject he chose was "Pioneer and Private U. S. Gold." He traced the mintage of gold in the U. S. territorial issues and also the regular and commemorative issues. The program was supported by the showing of slides by Floyd B. Newell and also coins from the Pittman collection.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: 12 small bronze of Constantine the Great, 16 of his Son Constantius II 323-367, medium bronze including reverse of Spain at ease; 10 portrait bronze, one of Trajan with sharp view of the bridge over the Danube river.

Charles J. Ricard: Roosevelt Dime struck on only a fourth of the planchet.

Herbert W. VandenBrul: 30 shillings, Pennsylvania, Dec. 8, 1775; 16 shillings, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1777; 10 shillings, Pennsylvania, Oct. 1, 1773; United Colonies \$30 July 22, 1776; Confederate notes, two \$5, one 50c, \$2, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes; Georgia, \$1, Milledgeville and 10c, the same; Alabama, 50c; U. S. \$1 silver 1798 V.F.

Alphonse A. Kolb: Medals of Nellie Ross, of the Philadelphia mint, of Mt. Vernon Historical Society, of First German railroad 1835; commemorative medal of Switzerland 1526.

John J. Pittman: U. S. gold, \$20 of 1893, 1894, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1906-D, 1907, 1910-D, 1912, 1913-S, 1915-S, 1920, 1926, 1927 and 1928 unc.; U. S. gold proof set of 1876 — \$20, \$10, \$5, \$3, \$2.50 and \$1; U. S. gold proof sets of 1908, 1909 and 1911 — \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50; 4 piece gold set of Bolivia 1952; 5, 7½, 10 and 15 roubles gold of Russia; 5 guineas gold of Great Britain 1716.

Robert M. Roecker: 25 cents of Canada, counterfeit.

S. Clarke Place: U. S. 1955 proof set in plastic holder.

Mrs. Stella Osterman: Transportation token used in Round Lake, Ill., centennial round wooden nickels of Morrison, Ill.; Poland ½ grosz of Sigismund I 1508, 3 groszy of Stephen Bathori 1581, 6 groszy of John Sobieski 1682, 10 groszy of the republic of Cracow 1835, two zloty of the siege of Zamosc 1813, all silver.

— MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 951st meeting Nov. 15, Museum of Arts and Sciences; 43 present; Pres. Howard F. Osterman presided.

The program for this meeting was provided by the ladies. Each in her turn gave an account of famous women depicted on various coins of ancient and modern times. The following took part in the program, Mrs. Edna K. Moyes, Mrs. Mildred V. Cowley, Mrs. Ruth Thayer and our Mrs. Stella Osterman.

Slides of these coins were presented by Frank E. Eichorn. This was the first attempt at this type of program before our group and it was very well received.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: 30 notable women numismatically — Cleopatra, Agrippina (Mother of Nero), Faustina and daughter Julia Domna; Russian rulers, Anna, Elizabeth, Catherine; English, Elizabeth I and II, Anne and Victoria; Marie Theresa of Austria.

Norman F. Prince: U. S. gold dollars of 1851 and 1862; U. S. \$2.50 1834, 1840-C, 1903 and 1908; U. S. \$5 1850-C and 1879.

John J. Pittman: U. S. \$2.50 1843-C, 1846-D, 1848-D, 1849-D and 1855-D; U. S. \$5 1843-C and 1843-D; sovereign and ½ sovereign of Great Britain 1817 unc.; 5 piece set of Cyprus 1955 unc.; 5, 7½, 10 and 15 roubles gold of Russia 1897.

Alphonse A. Kolb: Medal, Major General Winfield Scott.

Edwin V. Quagliana: three unsigned bank notes for 10c, 25c, and 50c on Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Rochester, N. Y.

William R. Moyes: Lincoln cent dated 195-

William A. Elston, Jr.: Cents of 1886, type of 1885 and 1887.

Mrs. Stella Osterman: Poland, solidus of Sigismund III 1626; three poltura of Sigismund III 1626; 6 groszy of Augustus III 1756; Alexander I, 1 zloty of 1825 and 2 zloty of 1830; thaler of Stanislas Augustus for Poland and Lithuania 1784 proof.

Herbert W. VandenBrul: U. S. cents of 1795 and 1806; half cents of 1802 and 1857; silver and nickel 3 cents; silver and nickel 5 cents; dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars, proof and unc.

— MRS. STELLA OSTERMAN
Secretary

THE ROCHESTER JUNIOR NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 88th meeting, October 21st, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; Pres. Robert Stalker presided. Emmett Peake installed the officers for this year: president, Robert Stalker; 1st vice president, Arthur Miller; 2nd vice president, Manfred Bayer; secretary, Donald Langlois; assistant secretary, Richard Girard; treasurer, Arthur Cohen; librarian, Paul Brach.

— DONALD LANGLOIS
Secretary

ST. PETERSBURG COIN CLUB — 49th meeting November 18, 1955, at the Florida Power Idea Center, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 38 present; auction. The reports of the president and treasurer for the year 1954-1955 were read and approved. A moment of silence was observed for deceased members.

The following officers were elected for 1955-1956:

President: Caryl Carper
Vice President: Alfred Bannister
Secretary: Irene Bannister
Treasurer: Murray Booth
Curator: John Fritz
Director of Junior Activities: William Guild

Board of Governors: Clarence Scott, Myron Schumaker, Basil Martin, Grover Criswell, Jr., Leo Le San

— IRENE J. BANNISTER
Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB — 89th meeting with 43 present; auction.

A new slate of officers was elected, as follows: Ben Coons, president; Chas. Col-

ver, vice president; Fred Coops, corres. secretary; Herb Feinberg, treasurer; L. Brown, rec. secretary; directors, O. H. Lages, Andy Verbance, Brian Burke, Opie Arnold.

The program chairman, Brian Burke, introduced the scramble system, under which each member delivers a fact about the coins when shown on the slides and the leader just fills in any additional facts from the script. Informally it is quite successful. Random remarks provide information not found in books, and no end interesting. Burke also displayed some beautiful ancients; Dr. Emmons showed a set of "v" nickels gathered when he was young; Bill Gustin presented a 1909 proof set that had three single cents and a holder with the six unirc. additional cents minted in 1909.

— L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB—50th meeting, Nov. 21. Round Robin Hall, Cahuenga Blvd., N. Hollywood, Calif.; 70 attended; auction; Pres. George Baude presided. The following 1956 officers were elected: President Howard Stolper; V.P., Karl Brainard; Secy., Iris Baude; Treas., Vincent Deterle; Directors: Russell Snyder, Paul Martin, Lester Wollard, Don Emmett, Norman Johnson.

Col. Fred Rice displayed specimens of money used by the Melanesian peoples of the South Pacific. Col. Rice's talk concerned methods of making and using this money, even to the so-called "Hex money" used for putting the "evil eye" on an enemy. He showed five franc coins obtained from an old native who admitted he had eaten sparingly of the "white pig" meat—meaning roasted missionary. Even in "string money," consisting of small shells and pieces of coral, on a native string, "proof" condition is recognized and is a factor in the actual value of the piece.

— NELLIE LEWIS
Secretary

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB—109th meeting Nov. 7, Hotel De Anza; Austen Warburton presided; 24 present; auction. Program consisted of ANA slides on "Ancient Greek Coinage."

Exhibits:

Richard Rogers: Coins of Panama, Chile, and Nicaragua.

Wm. Stones: U. S. silver dollars, U. S. gold set.

Geo. Kohl: New books and catalogs, U. S. paper money and fractional currency, and foreign paper money.

Chas. Kappen: Continental currency.

— BEVERLY GAYLE SMITH
Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—Vice President Stephen Bibler presided at 225th meeting, Hotel Edmond Meany, Oct. 28, 1955; 22 present; auction. Meetings are the last Friday of each month.

The subject was Oriental coins. Richard Burd gave highlights in the history of Chinese coins, exhibiting Chinese republican and imperial coinage.

Stephen Bibler presented a board of 143 Civil War tokens. Ben Gorlick exhibited coins of Japan, Korea, Formosa and China. Odd money of the Orient, was the selection C. C. Saeman gave. There were fish, bell, mirror and 1000 cash pieces from China; pack saddle, leaf from Burma and silver kobans of Japan.

Lawrence McCabe stressed copper and brass cash pieces from the 11th to the 19th century in Chinese coins and a group of Tibetan and Tibetan-Nepalese tangas. Carl Olander, Jr., displayed a sample collection of Chinese coins with the inscription on the mounting in Chinese and in English. Eugene Gould showed Japanese, Chinese and Siamese coins from 1600 to date, including Chinese boat money. After pictures of early United States bank notes the meeting closed.

— ANNETTE B. GRAVES
Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—"Coins of Africa" was the subject for the 226th meeting Nov. 26, 1955; 25 members present. Lawrence McCabe gave a brief history of minted coins for this large continent's colonial territories. Short talks on how the interest in coin collecting started in individual experiences gave a different approach to this meeting.

Displays:

Lawrence McCabe: Coins of Egypt, Ethiopia and Morocco including a Maria Theresa dollar, a Turkish double piastre of 1800, two old Moorish dirhems and a group of old Moorish copper coins.

James Knight: Minor coins of African colonies.

Gene DeNise: Crowns and minor coins of British colonies in Africa from the Eklund collection; two tin boxes with Victoria medal on the cover from the Boer War of 1900.

Laura Lawrence: Sierra Leone penny, the pattern gilt before striking.

C. C. Saeman: Outstanding type set of 66 pieces of U. S. coins including half cent 1793, the 1796 dime and 1796 quarter.

Howard Glickert: South African proof sets with gold for 1953-54-55.

Carl Olander: Angola 12 Macutas 1796; British East Africa 5 and 10 cents, 1 shilling, 50 cents; British South Africa and Rhodesia crowns; South Africa 3 and 6 pence, shilling; Somaliland 1, 5, 10 and 50 centimes and 1 somalo; Mozambique 50 centavos, escudo; Zanzibar 1 pessa; French Somaliland 1 and 2 francs; Ethiopia Maria Theresa dollar, 1 talari and 25 cents; Belgian Congo 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50 centimes, 1 franc; Tunisia 5 and 10 centimes, 1 and 2 francs; German East Africa 1 pessa and 1 heller; Morocco 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 francs; Egypt 1 and 5 ochr el guerche, 10 paras and 1, 2, and 5 piastres.

S. H. Bibler: 22 Sudan 2, 5 and 20 piastres of A. H. 1311 and 1315; 33 German East Africa annas, hellers and rupees of 1890 and 1916; Madagascar 10 centimes and 5 francs of 1883.

— ANNETTE B. GRAVES
Secretary

WEST TENNESSEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—12th meeting Oct. 3, 1955, community room of the National Bank of Commerce at Jackson; 24 attended; Pres. H. Leroy Pope presided. R. N. James, who has been a coin collector for 66 years, gave an interesting talk on the collecting of money and traced the highlights of the history of money and collecting as a hobby.

Following a report from the scrapbook committee, Robert Nolen and J. W. Boulton, an auction of materials donated by club members for the project was held and \$12.41 was added to the fund.

R. N. James donated copies of *The Numismatist* from 1942 to 1945, inclu-

sive, to supplement previous issues he had donated to the club library.

- J. LOUIS ADAMS
Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

- 255th meeting at New Rochelle YMCA Oct. 18, 1955; Pres. Massey presided; 29 present. Our annual fall auction proved to be the usual big success.

- EDYTHE J. MAHONY
Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

- 256th meeting, New Rochelle Y.M.C.A. Nov. 15th, 1955; President Massey presided; 26 present.

Topic was U. S. large cents and Canadian coins.

Exhibits:

Louis Bealrd: Cents 1798-1801, 1824, 1845, 1851, 1852; Canadian coins, \$1 1955, two types 25c, three types of 5-cent pieces, three types of 10-cent pieces and three types of cent pieces.

Saul Bellus: 3 marks 1915 Brunswick without V. Luneb and 3 marks 1917 Hesse.

Jerome Brill: U. S. cents 1816-1854.

Raymond Gallo: 64 cents 1793-1857, complete.

Edward Hessberg: Cents 1816-1845 incomplete, Canadian large cents 1859-1953, Canadian nickels.

Charles Latham: Plated lead 1793 cent.

J. Mangels: 1942 over 1941 dime; 1944 25c with a collar around reeded edge; assorted large cents, 1895 Isabella 25c.

Ken Marsden: Proof set 1955.

J. Earl Massey: 60 large cents and five Canadian dollars and a Canadian 25c.

William Pearson: Set of cents 1793-1857.

Henry Shank: Province of Canada 1858 cent, Bank of Nova Scotia \$10 note 1935, Canadian Bank of Commerce \$5 note 1935.

Ernest Weidhaas: Canada 1 cent 1858-1953 complete, including rare overdates.

Donald Whitney: Type set of cents 1793-1857.

- EDYTHE J. MAHONY
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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

- Meeting Nov. 1, 1955, at Carnegie Museum Library; Vice President Gillis presided; 19 present.

Dr. Gillis announced the death of William C. Piper.

C. O. Stockdale reported that Charles Wormser of New York will be guest speaker at our annual dinner at Sherwyn Hotel on Nov. 19.

George C. Kiefer spoke on Byzantine coins.

Exhibits:

George C. Kiefer: Byzantine coins.

C. O. Stockdale: 19 German thalers 18th and 19th centuries.

Paul McBride Gillis: 8 Spanish dollars with counterstamp of George III, French crowns of Louis XVI and Napoleon, 2 Joachimthalers.

W. W. Woodside: 37 Anglo-Hanoverian coins, George I to William IV in gold, silver and copper.

R. A. Coleman: 12 Swiss shooting festival thalers.

E. B. Mayer: Tom Thumb token, Brunswick Luneburg ¾ thaler 1692, Maximus Plus 1821, St. Helena half penny 1821, George Washington cent 1791, Magdelen Island token 1815, Alexander the Great 336-325 B.C.

James Hendel: U. S. \$10 gold 1803, 1892, 1911; U. S. \$20 gold 1896-S, 1907 Roman numeral and 1928; U. S. currency.

Earl Coatsworth: 19 U. S. silver dollars 1840-1867.

Richard T. Foley: 50 early Canadian tokens including Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia.

- RICHARD T. FOLEY
Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB

- 416th meeting Nov. 9th, Hotel Carter; 31 present; Russell Poxon presiding; auction.

Displays were:

Edgar Bell: 1914 book on German medals by Karl Downing, with 100 plates and 853 medals; Byzantine solidus, gold; also a token of the 46th anniversary of Rabbi O'Sullivan.

Joe Lukas: Mexican hacienda tokens circa 1860; five triangular bit pieces cut from 8 reales, and ⅓th triangle of Saints island.

Mr. Chilcote: \$10.00 second charter nat'l note on Bank of Commerce National Association.

Mr. Petterson: Arabia, Ib'n Saud and coins of Tarim.

Joseph F. Sawicki: Bronze inaugural medal of Garfield; silver medal of Sobieski comm. victory at Vienna 1683; thaler Brunswick Luneburg. Thaler of Hungary and Bohemia, Wladyslaw II; barbaric tetradrachm.

Mr. Hahlen: Confederate ½ dollar plus flags of the Confederacy; a Stone Mountain ½ dollar and a Pilgrim half.

- FRED N. HAHLEN
Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB - Vice President Merrill Younkin presided; 97th meeting Nov. 2; 38 present.

An exhibit of 80 gold dollars and one each of every other coin struck in his birth year, 1888, was shown by Fred J. Cooley.

A panel discussion on U. S. coins featured the meeting. Members of the panel were C. B. Edwards, W. F. Betz, Floyd Hazelwood, and I. E. Rumpf. A question and answer session was held in conjunction with the discussion.

Also on the program was a report on the recent convention of the Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association, made by Roy Osburn, Wichita, newly elected president of the OKNA. The 1956 convention will be in Wichita.

- MARGARET K. CRON
Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

- October meeting on the 14th at the Worcester Historical Society; Pres. Elvin Eagles presided; 48 present; auction.

Rev. Edward W. Lewis gave a brief history of coin collecting, its origination and progression to the present date. Also, he explained his views on the different types of collectors.

Edward Rice and Frederick Bell displayed a frame containing a picture of the Columbus ships and around the picture were coins with ships engraved on them. This display won first prize for originality at the New England Numismatic Association convention. John Kittredge also displayed his coins connected with religion which were set around a history of the coins written on a paper in the shape of a cross. Walter Grimala displayed a collection of Canadian tokens with a brief description of each one.

- EUGENE J. DRAGON
Secretary

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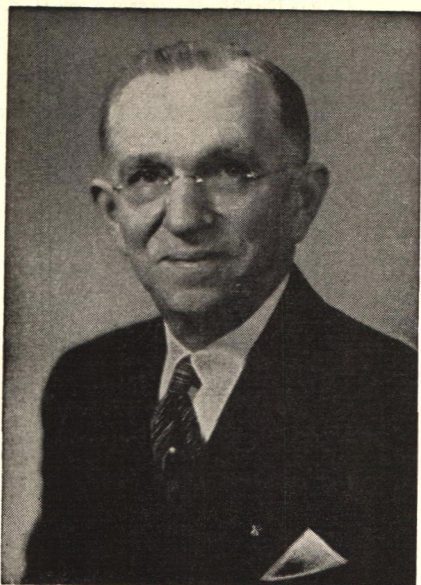
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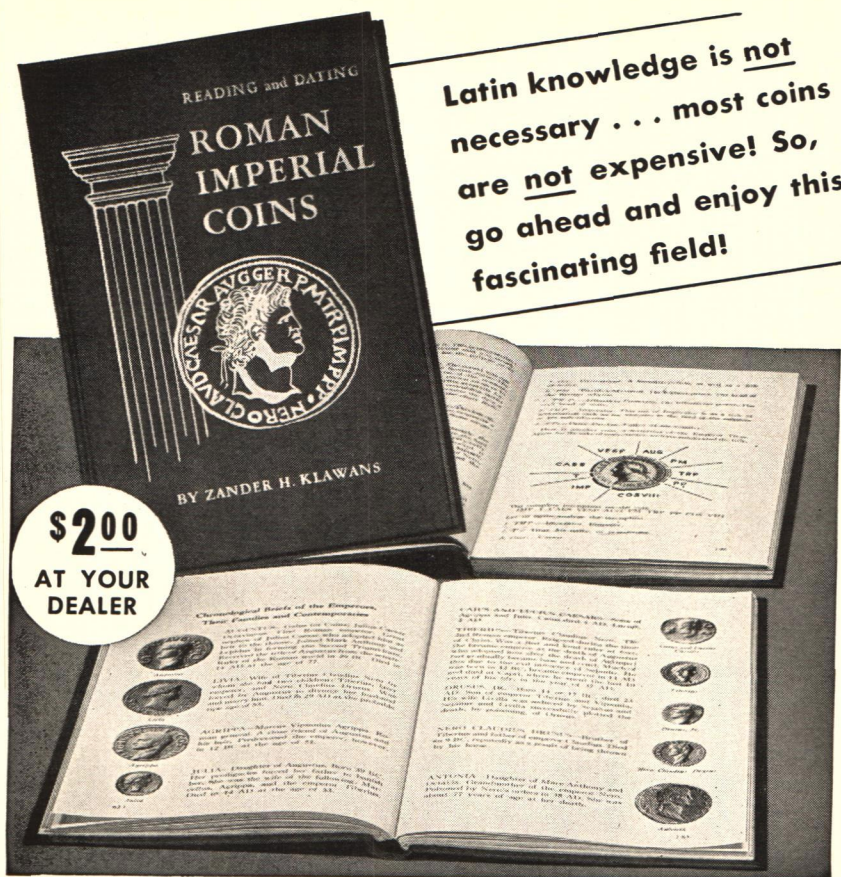
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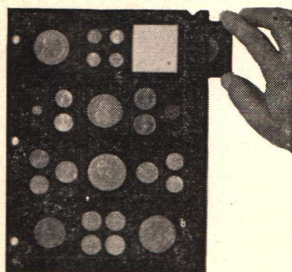
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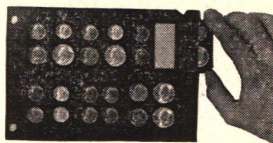
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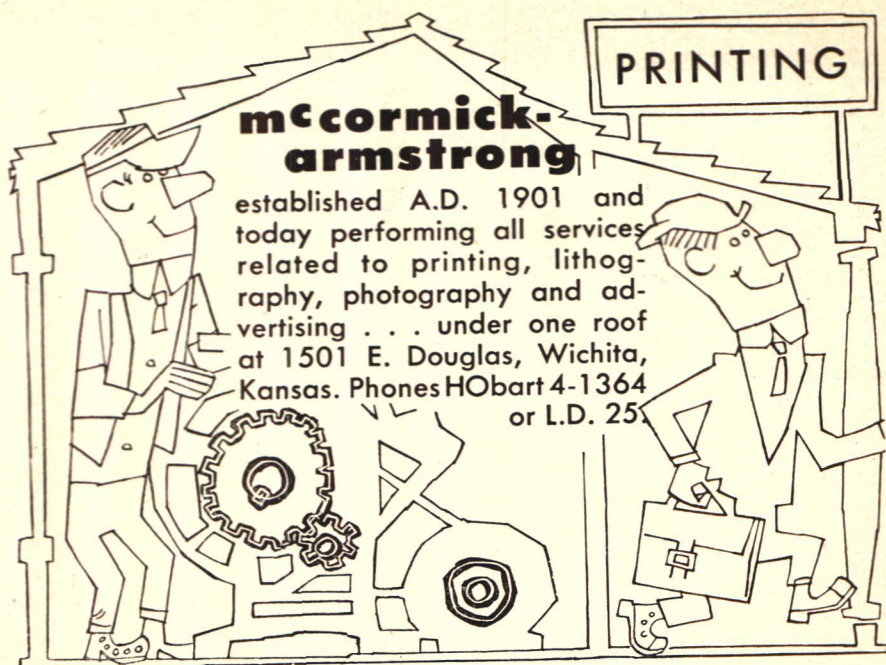
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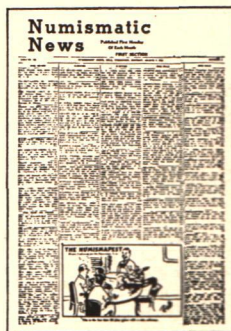


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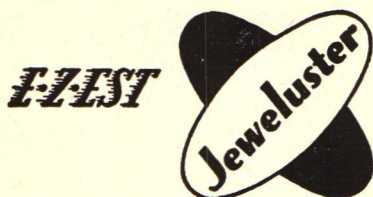
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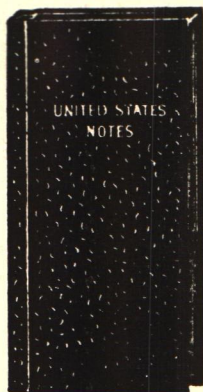
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